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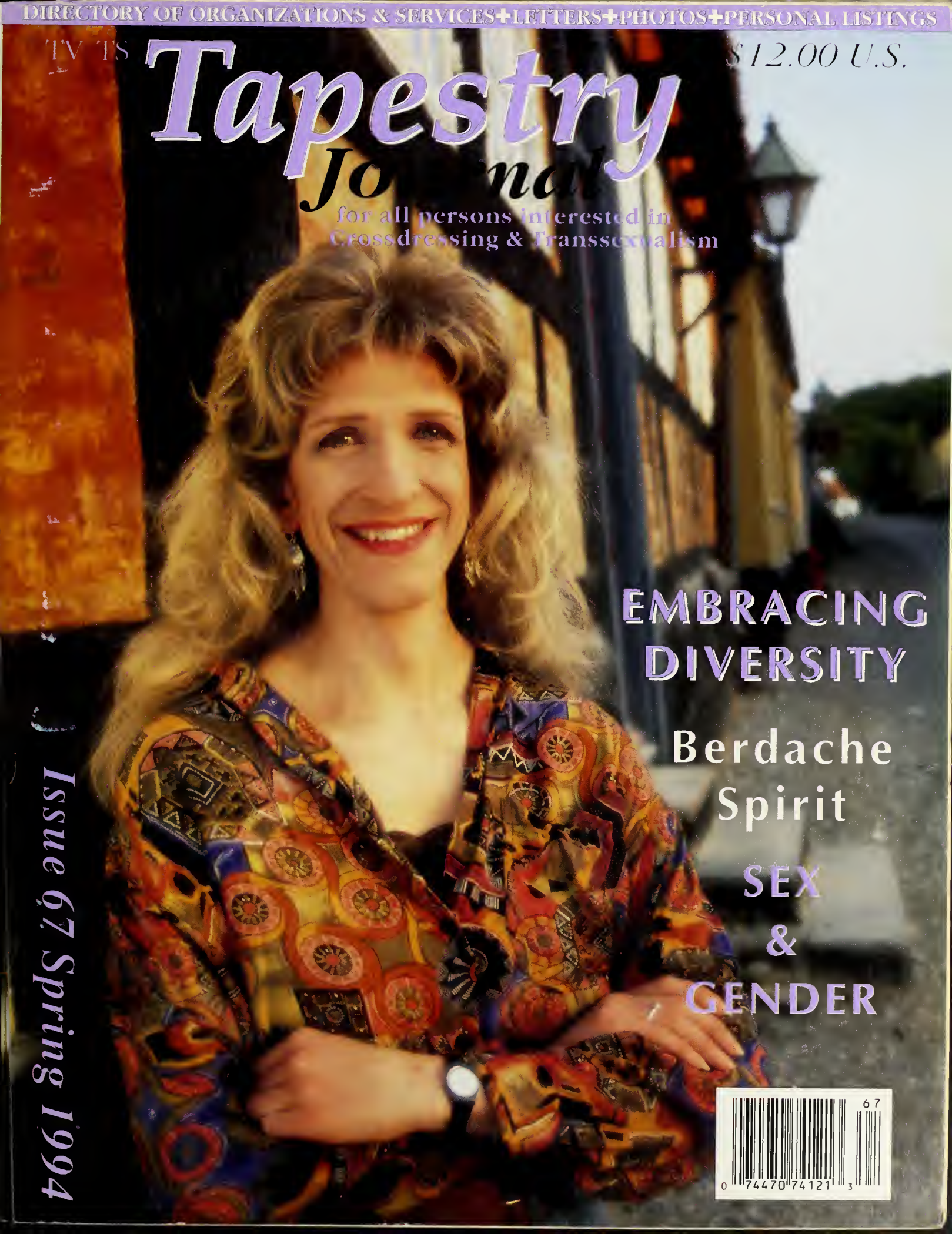

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As we were putting this issue together, I kept remembering how the scissor-and-knife man used to come around. He would knock at the door and ask if we wanted anything sharpened, chanting, "Knives, scissors; scissors, knives," as he went from house to house. Were he here today, the authors of some of these articles could have cut to the chase and ground their various axes by the direct method.

But on second reading (or maybe third or fourth on some of them) there's more questions being asked than flat-footed I-dare-you-to-cross-this-line kind of statements. Why are so many of the folks you see at the conventions successful, middle-aged and white, yes, white? Who did start the Stonewall riot, and how does that affect who's invited to the party? How can I be useful institutionally if I don't want to run it, but don't want to roll over and play dead either, particularly if I want to help keep things moving forward. Yes, where are all the people of color? All of which is to say that the finely whetted axes I expected to find lying to the left and to the right around the office so that the next logical step would have been wholesale spleen venting weren't there, so there wasn't. Any stains on the table cloth that you thought were spleen juice are either ketchup or old gravy.

History is always a problem. You have to learn so much before you can tell who is lying, or telling the truth. So there's history for every taste here: as told by those who were there, by those who did their homework, and those who go all the way with footnotes and a bibliography (well, she would have if it had gone to a learned journal). Fantasia Fair, FPE, DREAM, Golden Gate Gals and Guys, I remember some of what I was here for twenty years ago, and some of the folks now dead and buried. I wasn't here for the discovery of the berdache. But, let's see, Cabeza de Vaca, wasn't he the one who was marooned or murdered by his crew? Does that say anything about his discoveries?

A lot of people talk about womanhood in this issue: being a woman, the feminine mindset, whether or not they themselves are women, and even just what is it anyhow? There is an ironic clarity when Lynn walker asks which is more important in identifying as a woman, going topless in the Pride Parade, or being seen in Bryant Park on a sunny Sunday afternoon with other gender people? Which is harder?

All of which brings us to the poet who included the old *Hamlet* quote in case we didn't get it yet. Unfortunately, she left out the end.

> And thus the native hue of resolution
> Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
> And enterprises of great pith and moment
> With this regard their currents turn awry,
> And lose the name of action.

Oh, Jean Paul, Jean Paul, baby, where are you now that we know we need you?

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A TOAST TO 1993, R.I.P.

1993 was a very long year. It began in July 1992 when IFGE moved into its new facilities, and ended in January 1994 when the IFGE board of directors visited the new facilities for the first time. It was the year in which IFGE faced its greatest challenge, a year the likes of which I hope never to see again.

Prior to July 1992 IFGE had a seven year period of reasonably steady growth, quietly acquiring a small staff, an office, and adding services as we went. It was a period marked with caution, never taking a step without making sure the finances were there to back it up. Then, in 1992, IFGE threw caution to the winds and took the greatest gamble it had ever taken. Without having any money and without any real reason for thinking we could pay for it, IFGE committed itself to acquiring new and expensive facilities. Thus, began IFGE's longest year.

To survive, just survive, IFGE had to have faith that promises made would be promises kept. It also had to obtain two new full-time employees, one full-time staff member who was willing to pay her own way, and more than double its income. Let me say that again. It took seven years to build up IFGE's income, and then we had to double that in just one year just to survive. However, IFGE's challenge did not end with raising the money to pay the bills. No, no, no! It also required that while we struggled for survival, we never lose sight of our reason for being, that we were, above all else, an educational and charitable organization.

July 1992 to January 1994 was a time of constantly being on the verge of disaster, scratching and begging for every dollar. It was a time filled with stress and human drama, and of fearing what tomorrow would bring. It took a tremendous toll on the energy and emotions not only of IFGE's staff and volunteers, but on its board and its supporters as well. However, we did survive, and we did it with our bills (mostly) paid, and our dreams intact.

Survival was perhaps our greatest achievement, but it was by no means our only achievement. Although money was our most pressing priority, we still managed to pursue our educational and charitable objectives. We strengthened our connection with the psychiatric community, and built new bridges with the medical and psychological communities. We built new bridges with the European community. We increased production of *Tapestry Journal*, and produced outstanding new products such as the *Gender 101* video and the *Hormones* audio. Our convention was the most successful ever, in spite of being held during the "storm of the century." We initiated new projects such as 'Vision 2000,' a project that will guide IFGE and our community into the 21st century.

1993 was a crazy year, sometimes terrifying, sometimes thrilling, but never boring. The long year finally came to a close in January 1994, when for the first time ever, IFGE's board of directors held its meeting at its headquarters.

The board's arrival in Waltham was in itself a story. The weather greeted them in traditional New England fashion with the freeze factor bouncing between -35° and -52°, with 24" of fresh snow on the ground. I could talk with great joy about how the kids from Texas and Southern California froze their cookies. I could also talk about our noble chair of the board flying home wearing a summer dress and 4" patent leather pumps only to be stranded in Detroit minus her luggage (and razor blades). But, those are different stories. The real story was that the board, finally had a chance to see for themselves what all the work and worry, and all the heartaches and headaches were about.

Their basic reactions were: "Wow!" "This is great!" "I had no idea!" Their reactions pleased me, not only because we really do have beautiful facilities, but also because for the first time the members of the board could see for themselves what was required to keep IFGE going. They saw for themselves the hard work, the teamwork, the dedication and the loyalty of the staff and volunteers. They saw for themselves what a great staff and what wonderful people IFGE really had. When the members of the board came to Waltham and saw for themselves what it took to keep IFGE going, their comments of "Wow" and "I had no idea" were more than appropriate. With that new understanding, and with a new sense of respect and cooperation, came a renewed dedication to our future. That renewed dedication brought to a close IFGE's longest year.

With that in mind, I would like to toast the passing of 1993. May it rest in peace.

Merissa L. Lynn

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Introducing Elizabeth

You are special. That part of you that makes you a crossdresser, or a transgendered person, or transsexual is a gift, a part of your being that sets you apart. Other people, people who are not crossdressers or transsexual, but who are special in their own way, find their way into our lives. They become our friends, and members of our extended family. In an effort to better understand why these extraordinary people become our friends and family, I would like to introduce you to one of our newest friends, Elizabeth Zaitsev.

One afternoon last November while plowing through a stack of newsletters looking to see who was saying what about me this time, the phone rang. The conversation went something like this:

"Hello, this is IFGE," I said in my best receptionist-type voice. "How may I help you?"

An assertive voice responded, "Is this the *Tapestry?"*

My first thought was, "A salesman," so I switched from receptionist mode to business mode. "Yes it is. What may I do for you?" He then proceeded to give me an aggressive sales pitch for his sister Lisa, the artist. My reaction to that was "Uh-oh, a pornographer," so I asked about his sister's art. He told me she was a painter and a sculptor, and that her work was beautiful and I would love it, but he wouldn't describe it. As visions of transvestites in black leather, fishnet hose, and six inch heels danced in my head, I asked why his sister didn't call for herself. He said that she didn't speak English very well, to which I thought to myself, "Oh, a Swedish pornographer." He then asked me for permission for him and his sister to come to the office to show her work. I was curious, I'll admit, so I granted their request. What they brought was not at all what I expected.

My misguided preconceptions were shattered the moment Elizabeth, Lisa, walked through the door. She strode through the door with a purposeful air, her arms filled with artwork. There was a pride and an eagerness in her movements, like a child on stage, eager to show off her skills. A quick glance at her work was enough to prove that she was a superb artist. But there was something more about her, something that made me feel an immediate connection with her. It was as though she and I had been friends forever, and did not need words to communicate. I didn't have any idea who she was, or why she was in our office, or what she wanted, yet I felt as though I knew her and could trust her. Her brother was definitely aggressive, but he was not there as a salesman. He was there as Lisa's brother, and her devoted friend and supporter. Lisa was not a pornographer. She was an artist who saw something rare and beautiful in our people.

As we looked over her portraits and sculptures, her brother did most of the talking, but she and I did most of the communicating. It was clear that when she painted a portrait she was interested in capturing far more than just an image. She used her art to touch the human soul. What a fantastic talent for our people to use. That part of our soul that makes us who and what we are is the best part of us, yet, for whatever reasons, we deny it. We keep it hidden, or are afraid of it, or embarrassed by it, or are simply unaware of it. Here was a woman who could see that best part of us, and with the stroke of a brush, could bring it out for the world to see.

If she could do for our people what she did for the people in her portraits, she could give us all a gift

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that would be priceless. She could bring to light, on a piece of canvas, a portrait of the best part of our own humanity, a portrait that would last forever. I would do anything to bring a gift like that to our people, and I began to ache for the opportunity to introduce Lisa to our community. As I sat there wondering how I could do that, Lisa shyly spoke up. "May I do your portrait? Perhaps if you like it, you could show it to some people."

I smiled a smile that would have lit up a hundred rooms. "Lisa, I would be proud to have you do my portrait, and it would be my joy to introduce you to our community!"

The transgendered community is unique, so much so that not everyone can relate to it or be comfortable with it. Every now and then a rare individual who is neither a crossdresser nor a transsexual comes along, and they fit right in. For us, these individuals are treasures. Lisa is just such a treasure. I knew that the first time she walked through the door. However, I didn't know how much so until she did my portrait.

It was incredible. When I first met her she was very quiet, even shy, content to let her work and her brother do the talking. However, that changed the moment she had me sitting in front of her canvas, my office stinky with paint thinner, and had her palette and herself covered

"Here was a woman who could see the best part of us, and with the stroke of a brush, could bring it out for the world to see"

with paints. She was in her element, and happy. Watching her reminded me of my rhododendron bush. When the weather was cool, it remained quiet. However, the moment the weather turned warm it would explode into a profusion of color. Most of all, she reminded me of the members of our own community. For so much of our lives we remain hidden and quiet, with a smoldering desire to be ourselves, and express ourselves as we see fit. Then, when that opportunity comes, there is an eruption of euphoria the likes of which I wish the whole world could see and experience.

Watching her paint was a fascinating experience in itself. With her eyes darting from the portrait to me to the portrait, and her brushes dancing back and forth from palette to canvas, she looked as though she were ignited by the fires of inspiration. Hoping not to break her concentration, I asked her to tell me how she came to be in America, and why she was interested in crossdressers. Without losing a stroke of her brush, she began talking.

Lisa spoke with a marvelous accent, two parts Russian, one part New York City, a hint of Boston (that's Bwastin, "w-a" as in "bwana"), and a hint of Hungarian for flavor. She was born and raised in the city of white nights, Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Russia. When she was twelve, she was placed in the boarding school at the Leningrad Academy of Fine Arts for seven years of classical training. From there she went on to earn a degree in Arts & Pedagogy from Herzen University. After that her life travelled a bumpy road. She was asked to become a member of the Komsomol, an organization for communist youth. She refused. Apparently, in Russia, if you didn't join the party, you didn't get anywhere. It was a "from each according to ability, to each according to need" situation. However, like any totalitarian dictatorship, the party defined the ability, and the need. The party also had the power to define conformity, and the consequences for nonconformity. For Lisa, that meant there was no more schooling, and no jobs. Even though she knew the consequences, it was not in her soul to conform, and she paid the price.

When she told me that, I immediately identified with her. I survived a "conform or die" situation for more years than I care to remember. How many of us in the transgendered community have paid the price because we could not conform to other people's ideas of who and what we were supposed to be, or do what other people said we were supposed to do? How many of us continue to pay the price? And, we live in America, the land of the free. Can you imagine what it must have been like for people like us living in Russia? Can you imagine what it must be like for our brothers and sisters who live there now?

Lisa was lucky. She was an accomplished artist, and could earn money on the streets painting portraits. It was just this ability to earn money freelance that enabled her to visit a friend in Budapest, Hungary. It was her first visit to a European city. Unfettered by Russian limitations, her artistic talents blossomed. Her relationship with her friend may have lasted only a few hours, but her romance with Budapest lasts to this day.

For the next two years Lisa spent more time in Hungary than she did in Leningrad. Then, in September 1989, circumstances beyond her control took over and sent her further along her path, a path that would lead directly to us.

Lisa's path to us began when she was born. She was born with the gift to be an artist, and the gift of an independent spirit. In Russia, artistic gifts were encouraged and developed, but independent spirits were repressed. She was also born

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Mary Lynne White

ON BEING THE PERFECT HOUSE GUEST:
A Simple Guide to Improving Interpersonal Etiquette

One of the realizations I have made about myself recently deals with my feelings about my personal space, my home. I create a shelter for myself away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the world so I can relax and feel safe and secure. The arrangement of furniture, knickknacks, candles, flowers, etc. acts as an expression for who I am and what's important to me. Everything works together to create a certain "energy" that feels right for me. When someone comes to stay over as a house guest, that person brings his/her own energy with them as well. This so-called "energy" comes from their attitudes and values as well as their belongings. Some house guests have been wonderful. I don't mind their company at all, while others have made me feel uncomfortable and resentful. When I asked myself why, I came up with some characteristics of the perfect house guest.

The qualities of a good house guest serve as a wonderful metaphor for acting as a caring, sensitive human being. How you relate to and treat others while visiting in their space demonstrates how you treat others in general, whether it be in the office, at a club meeting, shopping, etc. The suggestions listed in this article show a consideration for others.

If you demonstrate the qualities of a perfect house guest, chances are people probably feel comfortable around you. You don't infringe on them or their space because you show respect with regard to personal property and boundary issues. People enjoy being around you. They respond positively to your attitudes and values which say, "I honor who you are and the space in which you live." If, on the other hand, you don't feel these ideas have much relevance, ask yourself how often you're invited somewhere, how many people actively seek you out for your company and friendship. If they don't, you may want to ask yourself why. Is there a possibility you play some part in this happening?

The underlying issue here deals with interpersonal etiquette; treating each other with respect and sensitivity. In his book, *The Seven Habits for Highly Effective People,* Steven Covey talks about the importance of trying to understand another person's point of view instead of focusing only on our own perspective. This implies listening to what the other person is saying instead of thinking of a response before the person has completed talking. It means becoming willing to see things from the other person's perspective as well as from your own. Another important aspect of etiquette includes taking responsibility for one's own actions: Being responsible. I've watched more than one "grown" man behave irresponsibly while "dressed." Dressing up and feeling like a teenager does not exclude someone from being responsible for his or her actions. Each one of us creates our own reality, whether we like it or not. The crux of the matter is the willingness to accept responsibility for it and change it if it doesn't work for you.

Here are some suggestions for your consideration on how to get invited back by your host or hostess.

How to Become the Perfect House Guest

1. Always offer to help at mealtimes. Offer assistance in meal preparation, table setting, and serving the food. Women may not always want someone to help them in their kitchen. What they don't usually tell you is they do want you to at least offer to help.

2. Hang up your towel after use.

3. Clean up after yourself in the bathroom. Leave the room as clean as it was, if not cleaner. For those of you who grew up with shower curtains in the bathtub, people with glass showers want them wiped clean after each use. Make sure the bath tub is wiped clean. Shaving can be a messy process, so make sure the sink and fixtures are also wiped clean.

4. Keep your belongings neat and tidy. Have everything organized and neat instead of spread throughout a room. You are borrowing someone else's space. Treat it with respect.

continued

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5. Before going to bed at night, ask about bathroom schedules. Not every home has a bathroom for each member of the household. Because you aren't at your own home, do not assume life goes on as usual. It doesn't. Find out (especially during the work week) when people are planning to wake up, who needs to use the bathroom, for how long, etc. This sensitivity on your part to other people's lifestyles will be greatly appreciated. Not doing so could give you minus 5 on the house guest rating scale.

6. Put the toilet seat down after use. Women will remember this about you if you don't!

7. Put your dishes in the sink after snacking. To leave them on the counter-top or table is a big faux pas. You're not at a hotel. Take responsibility for your messes.

8. Before your visit, check with the host/hostess about arrival AND departure times. Assume NOTHING! You may think it's fine to come and visit for as long as you wish and that will be okay. WRONG!!!! Let your host/hostess know of the times you have in mind for arriving and departing. Then ask if that will fit in with his/her schedule. This is crucial for positive relations. Not everyone feels comfortable saying no and setting boundaries. You need to be responsible for finding out what is acceptable to your host/hostess.

9. Don't stay too long. Unless you have been invited for a specified period of time, try to keep your visit to no longer than three days. If someone isn't offering to have you stay longer, there's a reason. They don't want you to stay longer. Take the hint.

10. Write down any phone messages you take. There's nothing more frustrating than finding out someone called and the person who answered the phone forgot to tell you. It's a matter of courtesy.

11. Refill any ice cube trays you empty, and place them in the freezer.

12. Bring a small gift for the host/hostess. Something like flowers, a book, etc. acts as a small token of appreciation.

13. Respect the privacy of others. Going through drawers and closets shows disrespect, not only for others, but for yourself as well. It implies a lack of integrity within yourself to violate the privacy of another without his/her permission.

14. Write a quick thank you note. This can be done before you leave or afterward.

15. Listen to what is being said, rather than planning your reply. We all want acknowledgement from others. We get this when we know or sense that we are being listened to when we speak. Every person we meet has something important to teach us. If we don't actively listen to them, how will we ever get the gift awaiting us? Try to pick up on non-verbal cues through body language.

16. Say what you have to say briefly and succinctly. Long, drawn out descriptions and explanations are best left for story-tellers and entertainers.

17. If you want to complain about something, do so only if you're willing to offer a probable solution.

18. Remember that everyone has their own unique experiences and ways of doing things. There is no right or wrong way to do something. Each of us does the best we can, given our experiences and knowledge. Doing it differently from another merely implies a different perspective. We are all in this game of life on planet Earth together. Let's make the best of it!

If anyone has further suggestions, I'd love to hear from you so I can add them to the list.

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Become Intolerant of All Intolerance !

by Richard Aldeman
introduced by Phyllis Frye
photograph by Dee McKellar

We now come to the highlight of our luncheon. This is entitled the key-note luncheon. The reason why is because we have a kick-off or key-note speaker. Today we are very blessed to have such a fine speaker.

Locally in Houston, we call him the People's Lawyer. He does a lot of television spots and some regular weekly spots on the radio and such, trying to empower people to learn their legal rights. Most often it's with respect to landlord-tenant and other consumer ripoff type law, and he offers simple non-lawyer remedies. He's a person-to-person person. He's very concerned about individuals. He's a caring person.

I first met him at the University of Houston Law Center back in 1978 when I enrolled there. During our lunch, he was telling me some of the stories about that time, and I hope that he includes some of those stories in his talk to show how much time is wasted by people who worry about us instead of just letting us be. He was here then and he continues to be a fair person, a fine and decent person dedicated to helping others find their way around legal obstacles.

What better person to keynote this conference. Please welcome Richard Aldeman, Professor of Law, the People's Lawyer.

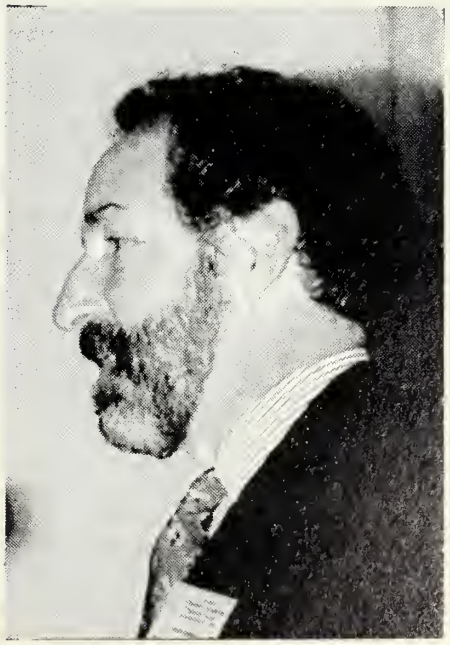
Thank you. I've never had an introduction accompanied by music. *[Played during his walk to the podium was a fanfare. This was varied from speaker to speaker.]*

Phyllis asked me to do this probably about four or five months ago. Actually it was at a talk that Ralph Nader was giving and I was introducing him. She came up and asked me if I would give this talk today. I said, "To be honest, this is not an area of law that I really know anything about." And she said, "Well, that doesn't matter, it's a luncheon speech and all we want is somebody that will tell some stories and be entertaining and it won't be very long." I give luncheon speeches to every organization imaginable and I can tell stories like anybody else. I said okay.

Then she sent me the schedule. Maybe, I thought, this is a little more serious. Maybe I'm not supposed to just tell jokes. And maybe I should think about saying something that was a little more serious. I still was hampered by the fact that still this was not an area of law that I would say I had any great deal of expertise in. So, I thought about what could I talk about that wouldn't involve talking about the specifics of the law. And I don't know if this is what Phyllis wanted or not but I have actually some semiserious comments that I'm going to make after I finish telling some stories.

This probably won't impress you, but I give about one hundred twenty speeches a year. This is the first time I can recall that I've ever really written anything down. I hope that will emphasize the seriousness of what I am going to say.

First off, as Phyllis mentioned, I met Phyllis when she began her law school career. And Phyllis has made me probably much more sensitive about things in general than I was as a faculty. As a law faculty you think you already have it. We don't get paid as much as lawyers. We don't have the respect of some lawyers that are out there making millions of dollars. But, what I always thought we had was that we supposedly are the more intelligent, sophisticated and tolerant individuals. And we can deal with issues at a higher level.



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Phyllis made it clear that that's a crock.

We, about forty law professors, spent an inordinate amount of time, I guess at least five to six hours total, discussing whether Phyllis should come to law school. I never and still don't understand how that's even an issue. But, similar to what was said before my talk, Phyllis made it an issue. At first, I thought, "You're a jerk; just apply and come; you're in. You don't have to worry about it." But Phyllis sent us a letter. The good thing about that is it does make you consider things. It does make you look at things.

It doesn't tell you a lot about the people doing the looking. One thing that was clear was that most of my colleagues were not going to directly confront why it was that Phyllis shouldn't come to law school. So, we had to come up with reasons that she couldn't come. We didn't want to make her feel uncomfortable using a bathroom. So, for her sake, maybe we shouldn't let her into law school. Or let's figure out which bathroom she will use. And after five or six discussions of this—we couldn't do this in one discussion—we found a way to resolve it.

We discussed important, earth-shattering issues such as, "Who will be more offended by Phyllis's presence, women or men?" Since our faculty was all men, we decided it was men. So, she shouldn't use the men's bathroom. Then the few women on the faculty suggested, "Well, maybe it wasn't right to use the women's bathroom." And then a few people would say, "Who the heck cares which bathroom she uses?" But we came up with it: she had her own bathroom. That was how we resolved that. We built a Phyllis Frye bathroom, which only recently is being eliminated. It was changed from sort of the Phyllis Frye bathroom to the lock-for-privacy bathroom, and now I think it's being turned into something else.

We discussed other questions like, "Do we want to let a person like this be a lawyer?" Again, I'm not saying whether she's a lawyer or not, I'm just saying whether she goes to law school. It seemed to me that the other was somebody else's decision. I would tell you how I think it should be made but it still wasn't my decision. So we discussed it.

Then, because Phyllis told us she was going to use the bathroom, we had to discuss the earth-shattering issue of whether somebody who has stated they are going to violate the law, since it was—is it still the law? It still is the law that you can't go into a bathroom of the opposite sex. [By Phyllis Frye: Well, if you're going to cause a disturbance. It's not a good mens rea.] So, because Phyllis has told us that she's going to use a bathroom, she's stated she is going to break the law.

Should we let a person like that into law school. The "person like that" was never Phyllis. It was always some other little attribute. To our credit, we did finally decide to let Phyllis in.

After three years, it was interesting to see the changes, or the progress that had been made. I don't know if I saw much progress in my colleagues, but I did see quite a bit with the students. Phyllis went from an oddity to a person. And Phyllis probably doesn't remember this, but what, to me, highlighted that transformation was in her last year.

We had a woman whose name I can't remember, who was in a wheelchair, who was a paraplegic. She, Phyllis, myself and a few other women were talking. This woman had been a very good athlete at high school, a cheerleader who was injured in, I think, a diving or a gymnastic accident. And we were talking, and there was a pom-pom cheerleader there, and there was somebody else that did this, and somebody turned to Phyllis in the course of five women talking and said, "Were you a cheerleader?" And she said, "No. I was a linebacker."

The progress was not the answer: it was the question. Nobody hesitated to ask Phyllis if she had done the same things that the rest of the women present had done. And nobody did anything except laugh at our own sort of foolishness for asking the question afterwards, and that was the end of it. But it was clear that Phyllis was accepted the same way anybody else was accepted. And for at least the students, that was a big step forward.

Now, as far as my prepared remarks, as I said, it's very strange for me to have prepared remarks. I have obviously known that I was going to do this for quite a while. My wife, who comes to a lot of what I do and usually is the brunt of most of my jokes at what I do, is always very concerned that I am not prepared. We will be driving somewhere and I will not even know what the topic they want me to talk on is. And she starts to perspire because she doesn't know how you can just talk unless you have really thought about it. And I said—I say the same thing.

I remember, we had just given a talk to the Marathon. The Houston Marathon had a luncheon and I talked. And you can talk about buying running shoes. I can find some way to bring all this stuff in. We were going talk to a senior citizens group a couple of days later. And she said, "Well, they don't buy running shoes. What are you going to talk about?" And I said, "Don't worry about it." But she was very concerned about this talk and a couple of weeks ago she said, "Have you thought about what you're going to say?" And I said, "No, it's not till Thursday, I've got lots of time."

But I have to admit, I was a little concerned because you can put me in the front of any group of people that are consumers and I can talk. I can talk to a bunch of business people and talk to them. I just finished right before this an hour-and-a-half on a Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Before that, I gave the introductory speech to the University of Houston incoming class.

But this is different. I can't give any of these speeches. In part because I didn't and don't know much about the law in this area. So, last night she again asked. I said, "You know, I've got to think about what I'm going to talk about. I've got three speeches." She said, "Well, have you written your speech?" And I said, "No." She

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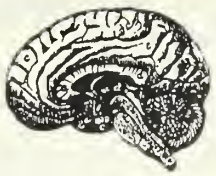

SELF-ESTEEM IN CRISIS

by Gianna Eveling Israel

During counseling when I ask a client to define what self-esteem means to them I have noticed individuals struggle to find words describing this distinctly human characteristic. To quickly clear up any confusion, self-esteem can simply be described as "having a feeling of goodness about oneself." Where I sense many individuals become confused is in pinpointing the actual elements which develop and support self-esteem. First there are internal markers enabling an individual to recognize their own goodness when looking within. This would include having a basic appreciation, pride and love of oneself as well as having a sense of accomplishment when reviewing one's goals, choices and principles.

The second element constructing self-esteem is having an inner sense of goodness and place within a meaningful universe. This includes elements outside oneself such as family, friends, society and culture. There is indeed truth to the adage of "seeing oneself through others' eyes," for this is a major component in how we view ourselves. An illustration I use to help clarify this concept is simply a "mirror," for without mirrors we cannot even see our own face. At times we may solicit the opinion of others regarding our person, other times we receive unsolicited "messages" in how we should behave, think and even perceive ourselves. An individual with a healthy self-esteem has the ability to sort out and adapt various negative and positive messages to fit their needs.

Barbara, our imaginary part-time crossdresser has stepped back to listen to outside messages received regarding coming-out in the work place. One of her activist friends told her that "she would feel completely liberated as a transgendered person if she disclosed her crossdressing to everyone in the work place." Truth was she would lose her job because a good proportion of her co-workers are homo/transphobic. Another of her transgendered friends told her she shouldn't tell a single soul because she would definitely lose her job. Here Barbara received conflicting messages loaded with implications, ultimately she "chose" to disclose her transgendered status to several co-workers she trusted and she believed would support her. Now she feels less isolated and more positive about her transgendered status, a result of balancing her needs versus the messages she received. She feels good about her decision and about herself.

There is indeed Truth to the adage of *seeing oneself through another's eyes*

There may be many reasons behind an individual having low self-esteem. What is common among transgendered individuals is the fact that they are just that, transgendered in comparison to the many who are not. As with any minority group existing on the fringes of a majority, transgendered individuals throughout their lives face the very real-life threat of being devalued, harassed and discriminated against because of their individual gender identity needs. This threat carries over into real-life situations at home, in relationships, in the work place and in overall society. Threats and negative messages serve to influence an individual's feelings, opinions, development and behavior.

Throughout different stages of the gender-integration process low self-esteem is a painful reality. Easily recognized are those individuals who for whatever reason are unable to explore their gender issues, thus concealing an important element of their self-identity. Having unexplored and unresolved gender issues means there is little hope in an individual developing a full sense of self or any real support system for those needs. Without support and a full sense of self it is impossible to have a healthy self-esteem.

Working in my counseling office I easily recognize patterns with those individuals who have unresolved gender issues. One such example is of the many individuals who call therapist after therapist or organization after organization relieved they are speaking with an informed or an actual transgendered person. Wanting to talk for hours, they never quite feel self-confident enough to make an appointment or visit an organization and actually receive support for their needs. Over the years I have noticed that those who have no outlet or support for their transgendered issues commonly have their lives touched by some personal or mental health difficulty. With low self-esteem they spiral downward, torturing themselves with alcoholism, co-

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dependent relationships, work-addictions, and irrational fears. Low self-esteem also may initiate stress-induced headaches, stomach problems, high blood pressure and heart disease.

If you are an individual with unresolved gender issues please get yourself some support . . . you are worth it.

One of the most common self-esteem issues during the "pre" and "post" coming-out stages is a transitory sense that none of one's current coping skills can be applied to the coming out or transition process. The fact is that many of the skills you have spent your life developing are essential and will be very helpful in your coming-out or transition process. While I *strongly* encourage outside counseling and transgendered social support, there are individuals who have successfully integrated their gender issues using pre-established creativity and coping skills without ever having met another transgendered person. What a positive example those individuals set for individuals who feel their coping skills and resources may not be enough.

Individuals actually established in the process of "coming-out" or making a gender transition are going to find themselves dealing with self-esteem issues. The common element impairing self-esteem here is the fact that an individual's self-identity is in an amplified process of discovering new variables and building on itself. At this stage individuals spend a great deal of time examining and redefining self-image and a place for themselves amidst family, friends, other relationships and society in general. Much as the changes "puberty" brought, integrating gender issues into day-to-day living will present some accounts of insecurity. Some accounts may only last briefly while others may last much longer. Much depends on how an individual utilizes pre-established coping skills as well as their willingness to develop new skills and seek out support for their transition needs.

Least recognized or suspected as candidates for having an impaired or low-self-esteem are those individuals who have successfully integrated their gender issues into daily living. This would mean the crossdresser who has defined and established safe support as well as those cross-living part or full-time having established their transgendered identity outright. As an individual becomes set within their transgendered persona, what frequently is overlooked is how the same diminishments and discriminations which prevent some from actually "coming-out" continually work against others, fostering conditions of low self-esteem. The individual may feel discouraged, depressed, accept lower-quality circumstances and relationships. At times some individuals will even surrender themselves into self-designed closets, often losing essential support for their transgendered needs.

What may sound familiar to many are phrases like, "Once I pass perfectly, I'll never tell another soul," or, "Now that I've incorporated transgendered issues into my life, I can kick back and take it easy." Not likely! Sorry to dash your expectations. However, being transgendered is for life and an ongoing growth process. It is imperative that individuals recognize that while things may be less challenging, transgendered issues will pop up occasionally alongside other personal development issues. At times, life itself presents an overabundance of issues which work to undermine self-esteem. A brief sample listing of these includes social, employment and relationship difficulties, addictions and dependencies, childhood and adult victimization or abuse, health, image or weight concerns, etc.

Here are some basic questions which may help you determine if you have an impaired or low self esteem:

> Do you have emotional, physical, spiritual or transgendered needs you recognize as having neglected?
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> Do you commonly find yourself feeling depressed?
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> Are you dissatisfied with your appearance?
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> Do you find difficulty talking about yourself, your feelings, your experiences or viewpoints with others?
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> Do you have trouble with intimacy, with yourself or others?
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> Do you often mistrust your feelings?
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> Do you feel inferior in some way to others?
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> Do you find yourself putting others' needs and feelings before your own?

If you answered, "No" to all the above-listed questions, it would appear that you are working with a relatively "healthy" self-esteem. If you answered "YES," to some or all of the above listed questions, it would appear that your self-esteem is in need of some additional support. Recognizing that you have an impaired or low self-esteem is no reason to beat yourself up. Put that baseball bat away! Rather, transform self-defeating energy into recognizing your abilities and exploring options. Building on and supporting a positive self-esteem is a life long process, however the benefits are irreplaceable.

One of the most important options available for fostering a healthy self-esteem is in examining your environment. Do you have a support team? Surrounding yourself with a group of personal friends and a competent support professional(s) is a good place to start. I recommend seeking out an experienced and gender-issues sensitive counselor or therapist for those dealing with self-esteem issues. Shop around, talk about your needs and ultimately choose a professional you feel can objectively offer insight into your individual needs. One of the first issues you may wish to discuss with your therapist is in asking for guidance in defining current

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It's Time For Your Medicine

by Dr. Sheila Kirk

A Report On The Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association Meetings

From all over the world, health-care professionals came together in New York City in late October of last year to discuss all aspects of care for the transgendered. A jam-packed schedule of presentations greeted the participants each and every of the four days of meetings. There were panel discussions and contributions offered by professionals who were in the audience. Surgeons from England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries, as well as from all over the United States gave generously of their experience with reassignment techniques for both the male-to-female (M-F) and the female-to-male (F-M) individual. There were contributors from Russia and from Asia as well. The surgical papers ranged from new techniques for vaginal and phallic construction to surgical procedures to change skull configuration in the male-to-female individual, breast removal for the female-to-male, and creation of a sensitive clitoris for the male-to-female were particularly interesting presentations.

Results were compared between various surgeons dealing with sexual functionality and sexual gratification. Very interestingly, several papers dealt with the creation of a phallus that has remarkable esthetic properties and penetrative ability. These were innovative approaches which haven't heretofore been utilized in the operating room.

The papers dealing with medical therapy were particularly important, for they gave information about the protective value of hormones in the genetic male. I have made it a point in various presentations of my own to say that estrogen in the genetic male most probably has protection against arteriosclerotic heart disease by delaying coronary artery plaque changes. This would seem to be the case in the reports coming from the researchers from the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam. Their studies come a long way towards confirming these impressions. They report very favorable changes in the lipid profiles of genetic males who are postoperative individuals using estrogen. The participants of the study had lower cholesterol levels, higher HDL levels and lower LDL levels. All of these are important in lowering the risk for this kind of heart disease. The researchers' series is small and there is no information about transgendered individuals who use estrogen and are preoperative, hence still having some measure of testicular function. The studies to be done will need to be more inclusive and be much larger, but this is a very important step forward.

They reported another study, regrettably small in number, but important since they could establish a premise for more investigation. Genetic males who stop estrogen once they have had reassignment surgery (they are castrated) are more prone to increased calcium loss from their bones, a condition known as osteoporosis. Hence, postoperative individuals should continue maintenance hormone therapy if no health problems preclude the continuing use of estrogen.

Another fascinating report had to do with the use of Estroderm, the topical estrogen patch, currently in use by genetic women for menopausal complaints and problems. The researchers reporting its use in genetic males concluded that:

a) It should be used for all above the age of 40 years.

b) It can be used in individuals who have a history of phlebitis (vein inflammation) and/or pulmonary thrombosis (clot to the lungs) with no fear to date of recurrence.

This latter observation is most important, since, to this time, individuals taking estrogen and having had this very concerning complication (phlebitis and embolism) have been taken off estrogen and not permitted to use it ever again. More time and more evaluation will be needed for these medical reports to be affirmed, but the tremendous benefit of this kind of reporting cannot be overly stressed.

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A generous portion of time was allotted to the mental health-care professionals. The discussions and presentations ranged from psychologic studies in pre- and post-operative transsexual individuals, to a study examining factors contributing to the favorable outcomes of reassignment surgery. A small segment of time was used for presentation of papers about adolescent transgendered individuals as well, both male-to-female and female-to-male.

A fascinating survey was presented dealing with HIV risk in the transgendered population. This is an increasing concern, and evaluating and developing a model risk prevention program against HIV infection is extremely important. Unfortunately, lack of funding is slowing this vital work. Another equally interesting study dealt with men who had sexual interest in crossdressers, transsexuals and she-males.

The presenters of these papers have either recently published, or will soon submit these papers for publication in prominent medical journals. They are men and women who devote a great part, if not all of their professional experience, to the study and therapy of the transgendered. In this world, the two populations, the researchers and the transgendered community, are both small. The researchers and scientific writers are in *very* small number when we compare their patient and client base to other health-care professionals and their patient populations. The ratios are not at all comparable. The professionals who care for the transgendered community throughout the world are immensely dedicated, and they make up for their small number with immense zeal.

As you may be aware, around them is a larger circle of health-care professionals who treat the transgendered community and are responsive and empathetic, though not as knowledgeable and experienced. These professionals are the ones I look for. They are the professionals I want to identify and relate to in order that I can increase their access to information in their outreach to the gender community. That's why I ask so often of you, the members of our community, to tell me who they are when you find them. As I have said in the past, I am in a unique place in our community. I know the researchers and the reports to the medical literature. I bring their information to the larger circle of psychologists, psychiatrists, medical physicians and surgeons, and in that transfer of knowledge, I help you in your need for care and information.

It is a wonderful exchange. I wish I could attract other transgendered physicians to help in this process. I know a few, but like researchers and medical writers, there just are not enough.

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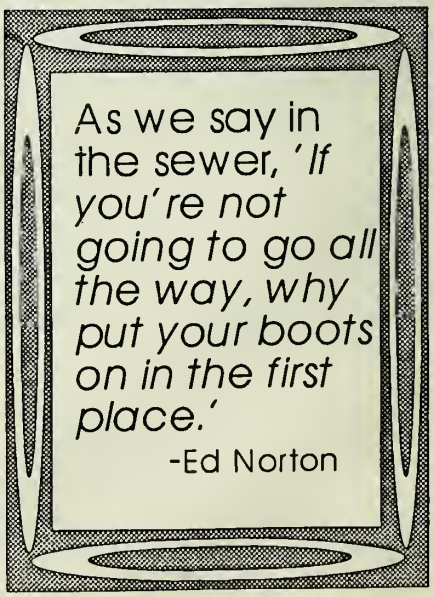
relationships or circumstances which undermine your self-esteem, then develop goal plans retooling your environment and relationships so they support you.

In the beginning of this article I relayed material on how "mirroring through the eyes of others is how we see ourselves," indeed so, the supportive elements provided by a positive support team are essential for a healthy self-esteem. Those supportive elements may also be obtained from your environment, living situation, work place. You are left with the final task of deciding how you wish your environment and relationships to affect your self-esteem.

Beyond mirroring through your environment and relationships your self-esteem may also be lifted upward by looking within and deciding to take small decisive steps you feel will build your self-image. One such step may be to recognize self-defeating and self-abusing behaviors. One exercise I have clients do to help recognize the many times they may be repeating self-defeating behaviors is to take a red magic marker and write an "x" on their arm each time they catch themselves being abusive. It isn't long before the individual recognizes self-defeating behavior without having to write all over themselves. Once an ongoing pattern is recognized, the individual may then move to replace it with a self-affirming behavior. If you have difficulty replacing self-abuse with self-affirming behaviors, talk with your therapist about options specific to your needs.

One easy step in building-up self esteem is by sending yourself positive messages. Look within and find a message that works for you. When did you last tell yourself you are a good person? When was the last time you decided to set aside internalized transgenderphobia and declare your transgenderism a positive asset in your life? When was the last time you looked in the mirror and searched for something beautiful and uniquely you? Messages such as these are a valid and important part of promoting a healthy and positive self-esteem. Building on self-esteem is a self-loving and nurturing process. Reward yourself for goals reached. Celebrate your being by dressing in a fashion which feels attractive. Schedule that extra massage to get those extra human touches. You deserve it, and are a good person.



Electrology

by Linda DeFruscio, RE,RI

Solving the Problem of Pseudofolliculitis Barbae

In the past few years, my electrolysis practice in Newtonville, Massachusetts has grown tremendously due to a number of horrifying procedures, either performed by the patient or by a practitioner. Troubleshooting and corrective work is one of my fortes. I have accepted these cases in the best interest of the patients, and to avoid any malpractice suits being filed against other practitioners. The majority of these cases involved hirsutism, hairy individuals with the chronic condition called pseudo-folliculitis barbae (ingrown hair).

Fine, medium, terminal (coarse), straight, wavy, curly and kinky hair -- all these types of hair can become ingrown, anywhere on our bodies at any time.

Pseudofolliculitis barbae is a chronic condition. It is edema (swelling) from the hairs trapped under the skin surface, and pus filled lesions called perifollicular papules. This problem is commonly found on the beard, neck, chin, upper lip, side of face, axilla (armpits), legs and bikini area. Not only is shaving a culprit, but plucking, waxing and depilatories can stimulate this condition. This condition appears particularly among black men and women. 85% of the black people who shave suffer terribly from this.

Why do so some individuals have smooth skin and others have chronic irritation? Acne, bacteria and genetics all play a role in this. Retention hyperkeratosis (dead cells) and the stratum corneum (outside layer of the skin) is the horny layer which are dead cells over the pores that shed continually to produce new cells. The accumulation of dead cells combined with the sebaceous glands (oil) can cause acne, bump-up, worm-like mass (blackhead), acne pimples, and trapped hairs. Causes of acne and pseudo folliculitis barbae are associated with a condition called genetic hyperkeratosis of the follicular epithelium.

The electrologist must be skilled to treat people pron eto deep folliculitis. These skills include:

1. Modality of electrolysis practiced on the patient. Use the blend or thermolysis methods.

2. Understanding the wavy hair and curved hair follicles.

3. Sensitivity of that pore.

4. The patient's skin tolerance.

5. How to correctly treat the dermal papilla (root) where nourishment is provided to the hair.

6. Limit probe insertions to avoid trauma to the orifice (opening to pore).

7. Releasing the properly treated hair without plucking it out. The hair should slide out without having to be tugged. Only on a rare occasion should you feel a tug if there is a tuft present.

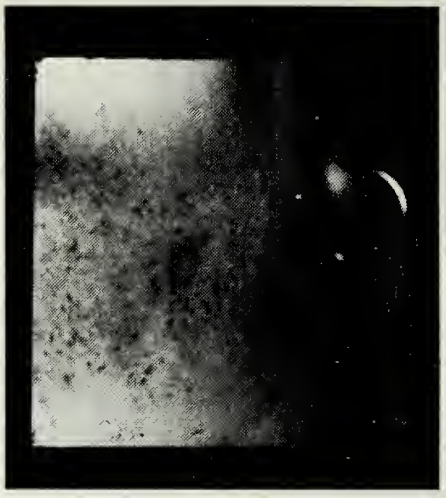
8. Scatter the electrolysis. Skip hairs. Do not work too closely in one area.

9. Use cold compresses or ice packs for fifteen minutes to reduce the erythema (redness) and swelling (edema). Use icing if swelling persists.

10. Salt and warm water rinses promote healing. Mix two inches of warm water in a tumbler with one teaspoon of salt and apply to the skin with a soft cloth. Only dab, no rubbing. Soak for two minutes. Leave on skin. Treat twice a day for two days.

If the treatment of ingrown hairs is performed incorrectly by the electrologist or the patient, it could result in having hyperpigmentation (dark spots) and permanent scarring. To avoid these side effects of ingrown hairs simply be patient. The average daily beard hair growth is 0.36mm (0.015") or about 2.5mm (0.1") per week.

(Linda DeFruscio founded A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care at this new, expanded location in 1988, as a clinic dedicated to the problem skin. The clinic also treats acne problems and removal of unwanted hair from all skin types: Caucasian, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and other non-European skin. The clinic offers clinical facials, Glycolic Acid treatments, custom blended makeup and lessons, and lifestyle and nutritional counseling. Linda DeFruscio is a graduate of Northeastern and Tufts Universities. She is a licensed instructor, paramedical esthetician, and currently teaches at Roberts Institute of Medical Electrology in Boston, Massachusetts. She can be reached at A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care, 815 Washington Street, Suite 5, Newtonville MA 02160. Telephone (617) 964-1000.)



ABOVE: An extreme example of Pseudofolliculitis Barbae

In order to remove the ingrown hair successfully, we need to see evidence of the hair. The longer the hair grows under the skin, the more prominent it appears. This can make removal easier. Some electrologists and patients try to remove the hair prematurely. Now the skin is so irritated that when the hair does appear, the skin is too sore to remove the hair. Now your faced with a scab. If you remove the scab before it is totally healed, you then face possible scarring. Wait until the scab falls off. Then go after that trapped hair. Gently lift with sterile point the most prominent, darkest area you see. Lift carefully without plucking the hair. Electrolysis is necessary on that hair to avoid this problem again.

Note that some ingrown hairs grow downward instead of upward, towards the skin surface, so we may not see that hair for several weeks. The trapped hair with the retained dead cells and sebum (oil) under the skin cause a hardened keratin, foreign body, situation under the skin, like a little pimple. This can become itchy, red and cause inflammation. This little pimple needs to be released to promote proper healing.

Home Care Regimen for Successful Management of Ingrown Hairs:

Cleansing and exfoliation are the keys to success!

1. Do not shave the inflamed area for three days.

2. Cease bleaching, depilatories, waxing and plucking. They are irritating to the skin.

3. Do not pick, squeeze or rub the lesion. Let your skilled practitioner remove the ingrown hair.

4. Avoid cologne or perfume.

5. Avoid oily products. They may aggravate acne and cause folliculitis.

6. Do electrolysis only in small doses.

7. Prior to shaving, soak the razor for 15 minutes in alcohol.

8. Do not use a blade more than twice because it dulls, and then you will apply more pressure, and injury or chaffing can occur.

9. Do not use rotary shavers or double-edged blades. Use a single-edge blade or a razor designed for sensitive skin.

10. Shave downward in the direction of the hair growth. Do not stretch the skin. With double-edged blades, the second blade cuts the hair beneath the skin line causing a potential ingrown hair.

IN THE MORNING

Wash your skin with antibacterial cleanser or benzoyl peroxide acne-wash. Rinse thoroughly. Always use a white cotton face cloth. Colored towels have dyes that can irritate the skin.

Wet the towel, squeeze it and apply cleanser the size of a quarter.

Use small circular motions all over, except eyes and mouth.

Shave with benzoyl peroxide 2.5 (BP) shave cream (professional product). Foam shaving cream contains alcohol which can irritate and dehydrate the skin.

The face feels very smooth after the benzoyl peroxide shave, and conditions the beard at the same time.

Apply aloe toner with 100% cotton balls.

Apply sun block per skin type.

IN THE EVENING

Cleanse with benzoyl peroxide 2.5% scrub antibacterial lotion. Rinse well.

Cleanse with benzoyl peroxide acne wash. Rinse well.

Apply sulfa mask for ten minutes. Rinse well.

Apply aloe cort cream to the beard area and leave on all night.

Most important of all -- if the patient has severe acne or pseudofolliculitis barbae beyond the electrologist's care, please visit your dermatologist or physician for appropriate treatment.

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with a natural curiosity and respect for human beings and human diversity. The encouragement developed her artistic skills. The repression embedded in her a longing for artistic expression, a longing that prevented her from joining the Komsomol, and eventually sent her to Budapest. Her curiosity and respect for human differences sent her to us.

In September 1989, Lisa's younger brother, a classical balalaika player, was on a concert tour in America. Suddenly, as though he were following a script from the movie *Moscow On The Hudson*, without premeditation, he found himself in Washington, D.C. Before he really knew what had happened, he had defected. Suddenly Lisa and her family's lives were turned upside down. Lisa's older brother lost his job. Her family in Leningrad was under KGB surveillance. Lisa, fortunately in Budapest at the time, was also being watched by the KGB. She couldn't go home. She couldn't stay in Budapest. The last thing she wanted to do was come to America. After all, she couldn't speak English, she didn't know anyone, and all her life she heard terrible things about America. However, she desperately needed to see her brother, and coming to America was her only alternative. Fortunately for Lisa, in 1989, Communism was crumbling, and Hungary was the best avenue of escape for Russians fleeing to the West. In Russia she could not have gotten a visa. In Hungary it took ten minutes. Within a few short months she found herself in New York City, without language skills and without friends. But, she did have her paints, and her ability to do portraits.

It did not take long for her to learn that America was not as bad a place as she had been told. However, it took her much longer to find her brother. While she worried, he was off gallivanting around the countryside having a wonderful time. Eventually she found him, and herself, in Boston. In time the rest of her family was able to leave Russia, and join her. Now the members of the Zaitsev family are happy contributing members of the Boston community, and Lisa, the reluctant new American who now speaks fluent English with a sweet St. Petersburg brogue, is happily engaged in artistic pursuit.

One day in 1991, while pursuing her art, she met her neighbor. Her neighbor was a crossdresser. Not only had she not met a crossdresser before, she didn't know such a thing existed. Her natural curiosity and respect for human diversity took over, and they became friends. Her new friend introduced her to Boston's Beaux Arts Ball, a historical event that has always been a haven for Boston's artistic and avant garde community. At that event she met another crossdresser who in turn introduced her to the *TV/TS Tapestry Journal*. She sent her brother off to search for a copy. He found one in Harvard Square, and the rest is history.

Everything seems to happen the way it happens for a reason. Everything about Lisa, her talent, her character, and her history seemed to predetermine that she would come into our lives at this time and become our friend. She is here because she is supposed to be here, and I, for one, am glad. Her brother was right. Lisa's art is beautiful. So is she. So are we.

Dreams should always come true.
Fantasies never.
-Somebody's Lover

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said, "Have you thought about what you're going to say?" And I said, "Well, yeah. I'm not going to talk about law. I'm not going to talk about the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act." That's a first. I had to say that because I can't give a speech if I don't say the word Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

But I thought maybe there was something that wasn't legal that I could talk about. And thinking about it, it seemed to me that the problem I wanted to address was not legal. In fact, I pretty much came to the conclusion that laws don't have anything to do with the problem that I wanted to address. So, I said I want to talk about tolerance. She said, "What?" I said, "Well, tolerance, live and let live." She said, "Well, that's a short speech." But you know, that pretty much says it all. And I have to admit, I agree with her. I think that does say it all. But for any number of reasons I'm not going to end by just saying that people should be tolerant, live and let live.

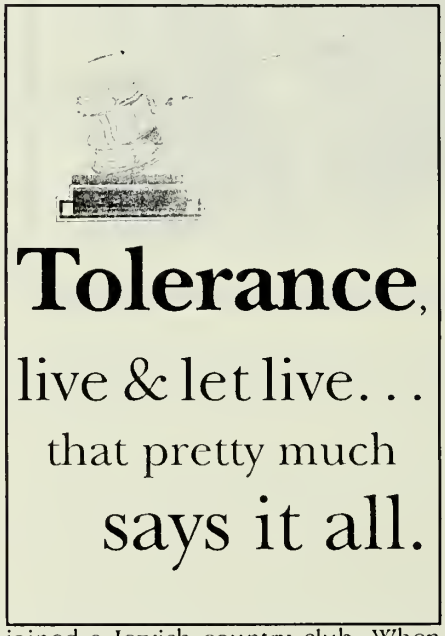
Phyllis told me I have to talk for at least another ten minutes or so. And I probably couldn't stop talking much sooner than that anyway. So, I sat down to think about what do I want to say about intolerance.

Well, the first thing is that I don't think the laws have anything to do with it. I think tolerance is something that you don't legislate. You can pass a law saying, "Don't discriminate." You can pass a law saying, "Treat people fairly." You can pass a law saying, "You have to hire this person or that person based on qualifications." But it won't necessarily effectuate the results you want. And it's unlikely that it will have any effect on whether that person has or doesn't have the tolerance that's needed.

When I was growing up, I grew up until eighth-grade in Fairwall, New Jersey. For those that don't know anything about New York or New Jersey, I was, still am, Jewish. I assumed everybody else was. The schools closed on the Jewish holidays. Most of my friends, except Eric Florenzo, were Jewish. Eric fit in even though he wasn't Jewish, but that was as far as I was concerned what most people were.

My father would talk about when he went to college, and that he couldn't go to certain colleges. I said, "Where did you go to school? What did you do?" He said that he went to the University of Michigan. He would name some Ivy League Schools that he didn't go to because they had quotas on Jews and he couldn't get in. And we talked about work, and he'd say, "Well, here's what I did after law school," because New York firms didn't hire Jews.

And I'd listen to that and I knew we joined a Jewish country club. When he told me it was because the other country clubs wouldn't let us join, I thought, "Well, all our friends are Jewish and they all belonged there." And to me, my father's talking was history that I couldn't really relate to. It was good that all these things didn't exist any more.



Then I moved upstate to a town outside of Rochester, New York, that I heard was "restricted" until fairly recently before we moved. I'd never heard that word. For those of you who don't know, that's the phrase that's used and was used, I don't know if it is still used, when the town is segregated by religion, generally, instead of race.

This burg was segregated. There were no Jews. In fact, we were the first Jewish family to move into town. And it's a rural area, with a little center town and a fairly small high school. And, like most people that were new to a school, I stayed in the background and stayed quiet and listened. It was pretty clear that people didn't think much about Jews. There was a town where all the Jews lived, that was another town. And most people had the general comments you would expect for the people that lived in that town.

I took what, not to justify it, was probably the approach any ninth-grade student who just moved into a new town would take. I didn't tell anybody I was Jewish. Fortunately, no matter what your name is, or what you look like, if somebody is not Jewish and doesn't know any Jews, they don't have any idea that you could be Jewish, and Aldeman is not a Jewish name. I played sports. I dated all the right girls. I was elected president of the school.

Now I could tell people I was Jewish. It was interesting. For most people, I was still the same person, but for some, I went from being this great guy to a kike. And that hit home. Suddenly I saw that it didn't matter who you were or what you did. You were going to be typecast, stereotyped, based on something that, in this case, I guess I had no control over, but would not have chosen, and that's the kind of thing that stays with you.

I then went to school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the south, and this was in the sixties. And you start looking at what's going on. Now, again, this is all more than thirty years ago. During that period, we had race riots, and most cities, even Rochester where I was from, had them. George Wallace was barring the door of schools to blacks. Black and white civil rights workers were being shot. Mexican-Americans were wetbacks who would at best work for slave wages. Gays and other homosexuals, I mean, they never reached the level of even being something that you would consider. I mean that was not even an issue.

As the ad says, "We've come a long way baby." Well, maybe. Maybe some people have, but a lot of

people haven't. Today, we have skinheads forming groups and killing blacks and Jews. We have a Ku Klux Klan preventing blacks from living in local neighborhoods. We have homosexuals being beaten to death simply because of what they are. Congress debates whether it's alright to be gay in the military as long as you don't tell anybody you're gay. Senators exclude transgenderists from the Americans with Disabilities Act because they think it's perverted.

And maybe we haven't come as far as people would like to think. And I don't think we have. To me, though, the question that has to be asked throughout the last thirty or forty years, which is the only time period that I'm old enough to relate to, is why is all this going on? What difference does it make? Why not live and let live. What happened to tolerance?

As a child, I was taught that this country was founded by people that wanted freedom. They wanted to do what they could do, what they wanted to do, the way they wanted to do it, whether it was freedom of religion or in any other area. That supposedly is what we were all about. But if you're a different color, religion, sexual orientation, it matters. It shouldn't matter, but it does. And again, why? If you can do the job, you should get the job. If you don't interfere with my life, I shouldn't interfere with yours. If you want to be different, more power to you. Don't ask me to be different. That's different. Ask me to simply let you be different and the answer has to be fine. But it's not!

It's interesting to me how we rally for some causes, and don't rally for others. The thing I thought about was *Dances with Wolves*. When *Dances with Wolves* came out, everybody wanted to start talking about our cruelty to the Indian. How we tried to destroy a culture simply because it was different from ours. The senseless massacre of Indians evoked an anger from Hollywood to New York and everybody jumped on the bandwagon. This is a real easy issue to deal with because this is history. There's nothing we can do about it. We can express our anger, we can express our indignation and our outrage over the intolerance shown of the Indians, and then walk away. We can feel tall and proud of our new-found sensibilities and it doesn't cost us a thing.

But we don't react the same to present-day intolerance. Maybe, in part, because that would mean doing something about it, like maybe offending our friends, or our employers, or our business associates by standing up for someone's right to dress the way they want or date whomever they want. We rationalize it though, by telling ourselves that we are tolerant. Our friends are gay, black, hispanic, transsexuals. We can associate with anyone, but that's not the kind of tolerance that's needed.

The tolerance that's needed is intolerance, that is, being intolerant of intolerance. If discrimination is going to become unacceptable, then everyone must recognize it, challenge it, and fight to eliminate it.

Equality is a great word. I mean it sounds good. Everyone likes to use it. It's got great connotations, and it's frequently invoked. But as a concept, I've seen little to suggest that it really exists.

Religion, race, color, and sexual orientation, all matter to some a little, to some a lot, to some enough to kill, and this isn't right. Hopefully, it will be recognized for what it is: a discrimination that destroys the society that we took so long to build. We must be flexible. We must be flexible enough and tolerant enough to recognize that it's the diversity of this country that has made it what it is.

Now, the most recent line with respect to tolerance and diversity is that, "Our original diversity was real good, but we've gone too far." And that, "We're strong because we were diversified but now have to stop because if we get any more diversified then that's going to be real bad." I think the response to that, and what has to be pointed out, is that by definition, tolerance and diversity don't have to balance out. That's what makes them the virtues that they are.

I have a two-and-a-half year old son named Willie. And he knows no discrimination. He couldn't care less what color you are, what religion you are or how you dress. I hope that by the time he grows up, he'll retain these virtues and the rest of society will also recognize and foster them. Thank you.

Richard, as you leave, we want to say thank you. This has been a splendid key-note luncheon, and I know we have great things to consider as we go into our afternoon sessions. I would like to add that, with respect to Richard's intolerance presentation, I have a comment that I was going to make tomorrow, but I'm going to make it now because it segues too well.

This morning I was reading the paper. One of our cities in Texas near Beaumont, called Vidor, is priding itself on chasing out some more black people. Yet this organization, sitting here today, has not purposely excluded anyone, but let's look at ourselves. This group is one color only. And we need to reach out and we need to strengthen our own movement by diversifying now. I know, Ruby. I understand that you're Hispanic, but principally we don't have enough Hispanics. I don't want to single you out as being a token because you are so far above being a token. I encourage all of us to go out and reach out to other communities so that this group is truly diversified.

I hope the people that read this or listen to this or watch this, if you are of color, please get involved. We want you. You are invited. You are welcomed.

[Note from Editor: Phyllis Frye was never a linebacker in high school. She was the Cadet Corps Commander of the high school ROTC!]

IMPORTANT:

When writing to *TV/TS Tapestry* Journal please use your ZIP+4 Code with all of your correspondence !

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THANK YOU

Dear IFGE:

The enclosed check is the balance of my "fun" budget for the winter. It could buy some very pretty things. But right now, I think it can do more good helping IFGE, without whom I would not be nearly so able to enjoy the pretty things I already have.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

DeeDee

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RESPONSE

To the Editor:

Transsexuals used to have to go the right wing fundamentalist, lesbian separatist or mainstream media in order to find examples of ignorant and bigoted depictions of themselves. Now we need look no farther than the pages of the *TV/TS Tapestry Journal.* Is this a new trend that we can look forward to in future issues?

Besides being poorly written and researched, Daniel Bruzzese's article "Transsexuality: the Issues Behind Sex and Gender,"in your Winter '93-'94 issue was one of the most unfairly slanted descriptions of transsexuality that I have ever encountered. Rather than shedding any new light on the phenomenon of transsexuality, Ms. Bruzzese's article only dredged up malicious stereotypes that have long been discredited. Ms. Bruzzese very clearly has an ideological ax to grind.

Ms. Bruzzese makes a number of totally outrageous statements about transsexuals which have absolutely no basis whatsoever in actual fact, yet which are presented without question. The first such statement is that transsexuals change their physical sex in order to conform to mainstream standards of acceptability. This may be true for some transsexuals, but I have just as many for whom it is not true. Contrary to Ms. Bruzzese's contention, there are indeed a great many transsexual women who not only do not conform to gender stereotypes, but are actively involved in the struggle to eliminate them. If Ms. Bruzzese's contention were correct, there would not be any transsexual lesbians, but in fact, about half of all male-to-female transsexuals identify as lesbian or bi-sexual. Nor would there be any transsexual women within the feminist movement, when in fact, there are a great many of them. As a transsexual lesbian feminist myself, I am challenging societal notions of both what it means to be a woman as well as what it means to be a man.

I am a fourteen years postoperative transsexual lesbian, and I don't at all conform to mainstream gender stereotypes of women. Most people regard me as a "butch dyke," which suits me just fine. I sometimes wear skirts, but I'm more likely to wear pants. My hair is short and I don't wear makeup, pantyhose or high heels. I generally don't wear a bra. I frequently wear shoes that a lot of people would describe as "combat boots." I am not at all docile or subservient, and anyone who accuses me of being so is likely to encounter the heel of one of those combat boots crashing down on his toes. I have no interest in traditionally feminine pursuits or careers. Yet none of this diminishes my identity as a woman.

Ms. Bruzzese cites only one reference to support her contention that transsexuals inevitably conform to gender stereotypes, and that is Janice G. Raymond's *The Transsexual Empire: the Making of the She-Male,* a truly vile and despicable piece of malicious demagoguery if there ever were one. Even within very recent history it was not uncommon to find numerous books claiming to "prove" scientifically the inferiority of Blacks, Native Americans, Asians, women, homosexuals and anyone else who wasn't a heterosexual white male. Raymond's execrable transphobic diatribe, which is based on the laughable thesis that transsexuality is a conspiracy of the medical establishment to eliminate women, is the equivalent of such pseudo-scientific claptrap. It is the equivalent of climbing that all Black people have rhythm and eat watermelon. Raymond's contention that conformity to gender stereotypes is intrinsic to transsexuality was utterly discredited by the more extensive research conducted by Anne Bolin for her 1988 book, *In Search of Eve: Transsexual Rites of Passage.* Stereotypical behavior and attitudes exist among transsexuals, to be sure, but

they exist among any group of people. But the fact of the matter is that there is also a very broad range of behavior and attitudes among transsexuals, just as there is among any other group of people.

Ms. Bruzzese also attempts to support her malicious characterizations of transsexual women by citing her observations of a sample population of precisely one person. This is like concluding that all Italians are gangsters just because Al Capone was one. This is considered valid scientific research? This paper couldn't even earn a D- in an introductory undergraduate psychology course.

Ms. Bruzzese also assumes that by not changing physical sex, but by simply living as the opposite sex, that one is somehow challenging gender stereotypes. This is not at all the case, either. In fact, one is much more likely to find stereotypical attitudes and behaviors among crossdressers and transgenderists than among transsexuals. It isn't transsexual women who are buying up all those feather boas and six-inch heels.

Who is this Daniela Bruzzese anyway? I noticed that there was not biographical information provided about her. But that doesn't surprise me in the least bit because someone who could write such a paper is unlikely to have any kind of credentials of any worth anyway.

In Sisterhood,

Davina Anne Gabriel,
Editor/Publisher
TransSisters: the Journal of Transsexual Feminism

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THE PRAVDA OF THE SITUATION

To the Editor:

Pravda means truth, and that is what we shall have regarding the so-called group in Latvia.

When in Riga with Elga Remes on the early portion of the easter Europe overland mission, I heard a great deal about Elga's past history. Indeed, it was hard to stop her for about four days, from telling me every detail of her career as a supposed X15 agent in Hitler's SS uniform, then later as a senior KGB agent.

I wa shown the signature of Kim Phylby in her visitor's book, and a BBC documentary, titled *CIA* on which she in male form spoke about her KGB career as head of a department which constructed an elaborate ruse to fool her former ally X15 into paying the wages of a Latvian liberation army which in fact, never existed.

Now, it is apparent that an old dog can learn no new tricks, since she expects that western and European TV/TS groups will supply clothes, magazines and goodies for the ghost TV/TS group of Latvia.

While I was there, apart from meeting Maggie Mankevitch, a Russian pre-op TS of Latvian extraction, I met NO Latvian TV/TS, only Elga who is elderly, and sends out with her begging articles photos from an earlier age. Vanity is not strange in our world, but this has another motive. I heard of her meeting with Virginia Prince once, and only for a few hours, when Prince was in transit on a luxury sea cruise, in company with a man posing as her husband (for security reasons, it was supposed).

I saw large cardboard boxes full to the brim with magazines from the USA and UK, and another set of boxes brimming with luxury clothes, frillies and cosmetics provided by an earlier visit from the breakaway Swedish FPE.

She 'told' me that there were supposed to be about five to six other TVs in her group. which we then agreed would be called Gender Transient Affinity (GTA) FPE Latvia. But, these exotic birds were shy, and never came to meet us, nor could they be raised by phone. The media-connected Elga, whose first wife worked in a senior post in television, could not raise a single newspaper editor, radio or television host for me to talk with. Despite the impending visit by the Swedish king, this should have been nyet a problem,

Thus, I was unable to even try to make contact with other Latvian TV/TSs through ordinary means. However, Melissa, one of International Gender Transient Affinity's translators here worked on a Latvian newspaper I acquired which stated that there were up to ten Latvian TSs, F-M and M-F, awaiting surgery.

Pleas to Elga to find them have gone unanswered, nor would she reveal to us or provide contact to the TVs in her so-called group. For, despite that as GTA Latvia, IGTA represents her United Kingdom headquarters, she needed to 'protect' their 'security.' Jenny Sand of Norway visited her too, just before Christmas of '92 and has still not replied to my requests for a report, but I strongly doubt she met any Latvian TVs other than Elga either.

As to Elga's attitude to Russia's sisters, so what!? We do not tolerate, encourage or condone discrimination, racial, sexual or sexuality-based. I don't care if they are seven feet tall with purple antennae and have a different man in their bed every night, if they are any kind of tran, they are OUR sisters, and we do not ignore, degrade or isolate our own race in this Nation of All Nations.

Glasnost and Peristroika must be international, not interstate/county/village. Eastern Europe is a massive chunk of land which was formerly like a fat woman crammed into an iron girdle. Her girdle has burst, and we cannot expect her fat to have learnt to stay in one place. What we can do is school her deportment so she may move with grace in the world and her fat no longer matter.

In point of fact, Russian mentality is little different form the average in Britain, except that they help each other rather more because they have to.

I DID meet a bisexual TV in Moscow, Marina, who had suffered a great deal of difficulty and persecution by police and public, and nightly fears they will burst through her door and kill her. They have burst through her door

and beaten her up many times. Travesti, as they are called throughout eastern Europe and the third world, have very little choice. The evolution of the hetero TV as we know them has not been given much chance.

They do, however, exist in Russia and parts of the East, very much in secret, and Melissa has translated an article for all Russian newspapers which we hope will bring them better public understanding and gain us further contact with them.

Three years ago Amnesty International began serving sexual minority prisoners of conscience, it was the case that they meant only gay/lesbian cases, and could not get their member countries to agree to represent TV/TS cases. This was because ignorance throughout the East and in all third world countries groups TV/TS in with gay/lesbian.

Since then, IGTA has assisted AI to represent their first Travesti case in Demet Demir in Turkey, now for the second time this year. We are also guiding them toward helping Aloma in Athens, missing in some prison for the 'crime' of forming a group dedicated to equality. We are also trying to get them to find the people on the list we gained missing in the Yugoslavian war zone.

The international Lesbian and Gay Association does not help Russian TV/TSs. Indeed, they are open about their agenda. It is largely anti-TV/TS because their member-countries claim many legitimate complaints about TV/TS because many gay/lesbian people have been forced by authority and clinicians towards surgery, which is not appropriate for their orientation.

So, a gulf remains open, and IGTA so far, is the ONLY organization even trying to do something about it.

Elga made many grand promises. It was to be no problem for her to produce the first eastern European TV/TS journal. So, IGTA's commercial artists provided a logo and masthead and a lead article in 1992. Nothing has come of it, whereas, Yuri Kunykov, with all the problems of a Russian, has this month officially registered Trans Press in KBR, CIS. He/she needs our support first and foremost over one elderly Latvian former Nazi/Communist with a pathological hatred for Russians preventing her from seeing her own sisters.

Elga has had every chance afforded her, and has not proven her group. Therefore, GTA Latvia hereafter officially does not exist. IGTA will continue to struggle to find and make contact with real Latvian TV/TSs.

Meanwhile, we have located Greek Travesti willing and keen to work with Turkish Travesti towards a mutual freedom, REGARDLESS of their two nations' political and racial grudge going back centuries before Russia invaded Latvia.

IGTA has been relaying mail between Serbia, Croat, Macedonian and Yugoslav TV/TS, all friends before the war, and now, thanks to our mail forwarding (at IGTA's expense) still so, as they always wanted to be. One pre-op in Zagreb, in her 20s and just beginning hormones, will need refugee status by September '94 when her university course ends. We are seeking willing TV/TSs or groups to adopt her and find her work and accommodation.

We are also seeking USA sponsors for a visa for Ellie, a Travesti now no longer working in vice, who was only part-time anyway, and who has hitherto been a 'wife' in a long-term relationship. Ellie wants to come to the USA, but has three times been denied a visa by the US embassy in Athens. She is young, intelligent, attractive, speaks English and several other languages well, as does Sasa in Zagreb. Sasa has never been in vice, and most Slav TV/TSs are quite alike to their western sisters.

I see fancy, high quality magazines, expensive carved lectern stands, costly banners for a march that didn't even carry transgender on its logo. Now, when do we see some positive funding for IGTA's very real, hardline, front line overseas contact and aid work? Like Elga, if you can afford all the fancies, you can put your money and your action where your mouth is.

The pravda is this. The fuss about allegedly homosexual Travesti is a load of hypocritical bull! Our third world sisters have no choice, but they do know about your choices. They find in themselves many similarities to your feelings, yet they still don't have any choice.

The first TV/TS group in the western world was the Mollies in 18th century London. They were documented as 'sodomites and catamites' whose meetings were raided by the police. Many of them were executed. Most were only pilloried, but the result was much the same.

From all evidence, it is a wonder anything like our groups evolved by this latter part of the twentieth century, but all that did it was circumstances, new ranges of options which grew with a changing society, very slowly. There has been a quickening with hardly seven years to the turn of the century, but we must all those options to our sisters everywhere, equally, without fear or favor.

Sincerely,

Phaedra Kelly,
International Gender Transient Affinity

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Nature's Nape

by Gwendolyn Spencer

As Winter sprites dance across the landscape
And you stand in nature's nape
Glance into the barren land
Know the warmth of where you stand

Stand for right and do no wrong
For in righteousness, you will be strong
Know that just as no season comes before its time
Words can have meaning outside the rhyme.

D A R K E R O S

Eros, Eros, Dark Besetter,
I do not want to hear about your children.
I want you to come home with me.
I do not want to hear about your work.
I want you to look at me past convention.

You bring shame in communion,
barrenness in the Spring,
hunger at harvest.

Ah, Eros, Unhinger,
You bring disruption for troubled souls.

Ah, Lion Face of God,
I want you to leave me alone,
and I'm so afraid you will.
You eat my paschal lambs.
You make me look for hidden hopes.
You strip me of my props.

Away! Away! My plans cannot beawr you.
My habits are hungry.
Your truth is too much.

Ah Eros, Dark Presence, beguiling source of space and light,
how will you rend me, open me,
this time.

Let us pray in bed.

Pat Grace, 1993

The Little Things

She fills the patient hours
with dreams
and lives rehearsal second
in the wings
of the understudied shadow.

She dreams about her part
and tries
to mask the disappointment
of careful preparation
left to linger.

She's sure her role is
so much more
than just flamboyant fashion,
between the lines she listens
to her heart.

She hears not the sound
of subtlety
and senses things that others
seem to miss
in concentration.

And feels her heart reach out
to hold
with warmth
and sensitivity
the attributes of passion.

She holds her head up high
and wails
to share acceptance
and approval,
convinced her time will come.

Waiting there backstage, she checks
her lipstick, makes a list.
The little things like that
Robynn wants to be or not to be.

by Robynn Marie Layne

To be, or not to be—that is the question—
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them.
W. Shakespeare

I am raw, bleeding,
drifting, alone (in this closet)
pushed in by myself
no one to dress my wounds
my blood flowing
my life drifting away
if this torture were physical
I would die (in this closet)
the scars that show
are only visible (in this closet)
I stroke them ever so gently
trying to soothe them, to soothe me
but the memory of their pain
floods through me
opening those wounds
wounds I thought had healed
once again my blood flows
will I ever heal?
I will never be able to bend to society's will
my heart weeping
teardrops of blood
contained (in this closet)
my wrist rubbed raw
chained (in this closet)
My body
My closet

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from a collection of poems, *Neo-girl Talk* as in

Neo-girl talk
tell us your pain
tell us your loneliness
tell us your frustration
Neo-girl talk
tell us your desires
tell us your love
tell us your devotion
Neo-girl talk
tell us your truth.

We regret that **Drew Pisarra** was not credited as the poet who composed "Transport," printed in *Tapestry* #66.

Life with a little girl,
Who called me Mom,
Who understood,
My feelings, frustration, anger
For who I am.

She was an Angel,
Soft as a Rose,
Strong as an Eagle.

Her smile,
Her freckles,
Her Humor.

All gone.

Grandparents who didn't
understand Me or Her,
Who took her away,
through our legal system.

Not able to make
Free choices
Any more.

To be Free,
Be with Mom,
Practice Her Own
Religion,
Make Free choices
in life.

All Gone.

Shelly Marie Williams©1993

My daughter took her life on Oct 26, 1993, her reason, because she shouldn't be with me or make her own choices.
Being a TS, do I blame myself, being a single parent, for raising my Child, to be free, Choices of friends, religion, life style.
No
Who do I Blame, Grandparents, and society, for they Don't understand, Who We Are.

My Gender Dysphoria

Sometimes I just want to scream.
Sometimes I just want to scream so loudly.
Sometimes I just want to scream so loudly that my mind implodes.

I am screaming.
I am screaming inside.
I am screaming inside until my innards ache.

Now the tears,
Now the tears come streaming;
Now the tears come streaming as I writhe, silently screaming.

Finally the calm,
Finally the calm from exhaustion;
Finally the calm from exhaustion paralyzes me until, I scream again.

Joan R.

RECANTATION

Thinking, contemplating
Certain words harden my heart
Always
Boss, bigot, divorce, lie
And recently
Man, husband, father, son
I Am Not!
I Am
Person, spouse, parent, child
Suddenly, the telephone
"Hello"
Small voice
"Dad?"
Gentle tears flow
One of those words
Yes, damnit...No, well
How about "D"?
For old times' sake

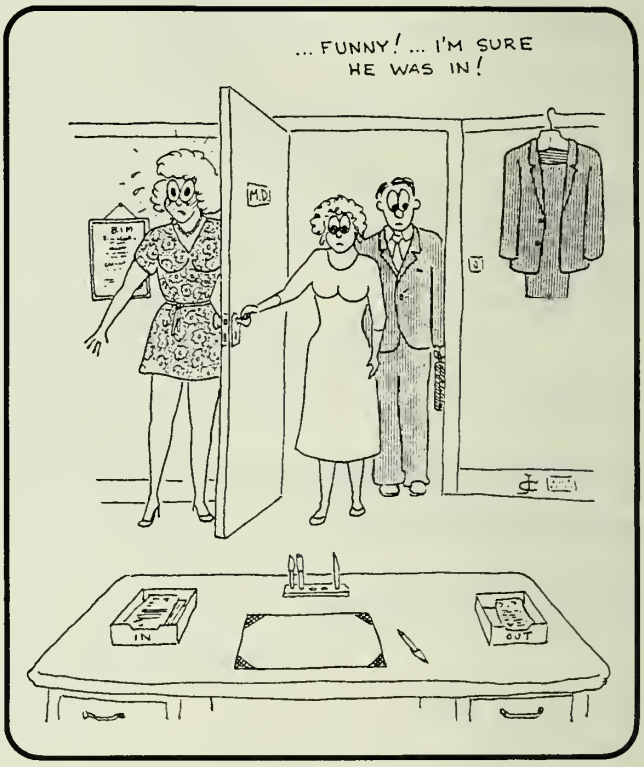
Leslie Sparks

What's On The TV 2

New musings from the British wit

by **Christine-Jane Wilson**

We are happy to present some of the latest sketches from a long time contributor to *Tapestry*



We Need Unity Embracing Diversity

by Jenny Sand

I am writing this early in January, the rain and wind beating on my window as it often does here on the southwest coast of Norway. Living close to the ocean as I do means mild winters, but I don't mind, I never was that crazy about skiing. If I wanted to, I could easily go up on the mountains lining the horizon looking in the opposite direction. I prefer the ocean. Seeing the huge waves crashing at the cliffs and sand dunes as they have done for thousands of years helps to put things in perspective. A walk along the coastline on a stormy day also clears my mind, and fills me with respect for nature's wild powers and beauty.

A day like this is ideal for reflection about the community we strive for. I strongly believe all humans have a strong craving for acceptance, respect and support. Add desire to the list, and we have the major components that mixed in different proportions make up love. We long to be loved by others. We are also social beings, in a much higher sense than animals who stick together out of a need for survival. Those who preached strength by standing alone never impressed me. I see a bunch of lonely souls sitting in their self-constructed confinement while the surrounding world is coming apart, or going up in flames. That is not a society.

Nature is full of contradictions and opposites. Death allows for new life to grow; too much rain in one area leads to drought in another. What nature seeks is balance, not eradication of one side. Society, for me, is balance; balance between common needs and individual needs, between the interests of different people or groups of people. In essence, a balance between freedom and restriction. Absolute freedom cannot exist in society.

Community is something higher. You can live in a society, accept the rules, keep your mouth shut and your nose clean, without feeling that you really belong. Paying your taxes might give you your pension in the mail one day, but it doesn't give much compassion. Building a community is impossible without individuals volunteering their help and support in all fields. It is about giving, not just staying in line and paying your dues. While a society can survive just by keeping a balance between interests, a community needs more, much more.

All human beings are unique and different, and that fact has always posed a great problem for philosophers, psychologists, state leaders and governments alike. For those who wanted to explain the human history and soul, the variations messed up their beautiful systems and theories. For those who tried to rule society, it made it a very complex task. Some of these people ended up promoting solutions like lobotomy, holocaust, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, anarchy, war...

In an ideal society, variation and uniqueness is no real problem, just a challenge when constructing and maintaining a fair balance of interests. Another thing is that this ideal society is more of a dream than a reality. We know that corruption and dispute over money and power is a part of all existing societies. People get mistreated and abused every day, even in our most democratic countries. As I am an optimist, that fact does not rule out the possibility of a fair and balanced society. Many people do seriously try to build such a thing every day.

The dream of a true community of all people is even farther away. But, building functioning communities of groups of people is a first and necessary step. They can prove that the ultimate dream is possible. But, they also have much the same pitfalls and dangers as building societies. We want to build a community of transgendered people, to help and support our brothers and sisters around the world. What are the real problems, and, more important, what are the solutions?

First, we must agree on the need to give to that community, often with some personal sacrifice. Only by giving generously of our knowledge, time, financial and emotional resources can we create a surplus. Without that surplus, no help or support can be given back or offered to anyone. Giving is a general term. For each of us that means different things. Like a potluck dinner, you bring what you can do best and as much as you can afford. The important thing is that everyone contributes with something to our community, big or small. Support your local support group as well as our national and international organizations. The same day you stop giving, the support will stop coming back to you, and community becomes an empty phrase.

Community implies organization. If our surplus is going to be used wisely, we desperately need organization. What we need, therefore, are good leaders and reliable officers to get the things organized and done. What we don't

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need is bickering: King and Queen mentality, inflated egos. Too many good attempts to build various organizations have gone down the drain from this poison. Support those who know how to loosen the brakes to get the train rolling, who can inspire people, bring them together, project enthusiasm and positive feelings, who are diplomats and can solve conflicts constructively, and prove they can sustain and persist in this work over time.

That is a tall order, so don't forget to offer your help before you write people off as insufficient. Nobody's perfect. Never forget that an organization is like a machine, the sum of its parts, where all bits and pieces are needed. When talking about organizations, there is a balance to find between a democratic process and a quick effective action as situations change. When you elect your leaders, you trust them to find that balance.

Embracing diversity must be done on many levels. On a personal level you must accept your own uniqueness and learn to give your own life your best shot. Most people are discontented about something, and look at others wishing they had their qualities, features, assets, life situation or knowledge. That preoccupation is neither healthy nor constructive. Get inspired by others, but don't sell yourself short. For us, being transgendered can be an asset only if we accept the cards we were dealt and play them the best way we can.

When you are dealing with people, forget labels. They can only describe a fraction of what comprises a human being, and they really describe likeness, similarity, not exact identity. I accept that labels are often necessary to be able to discuss general issues, and when educating. I even accept when people label themselves, but I strongly believe they often do themselves a great disservice by doing it. The mechanism behind that is seeking acceptance by making yourself part of a larger group that must be taken seriously, just from its sheer size. If you desperately try to find a fitting label for yourself, you do not really believe others can love you and accept you as the unique person you are, or you hope others will relieve you from self-imposed guilt feelings.

Another aspect of labels is that they are never self-explanatory, no matter now cleverly they are defined or put together. The eternal(?) ongoing discussion of what to call us is not worth much to me at all. When we go out and try to educate other people in society the job is to explain that we are equally valuable citizens; different, yes, but not criminal, dangerous, or any other misconception that exists. How well we can break down prejudice and animosity is the only thing that counts. We are not out to sell a soap, a brand name. Finally, it must be added that each language and culture have their own labels with different connotations. So let's not spend too much time discussing labels, OK?

Nature is full of contradictions & opposites.

Now, someone is bound to protest. We can't build a community on the differences, it must be built on what is common, right? Ultimately, I dream of a community of all people, built on the single fact that we are all human beings. I don't think that will happen soon, but if we succeed in building communities on common factors, embracing the diversity among us and fighting animosity between existing and future communities, we have taken a first step. The ever-present flip side of building a community is the risk of isolation, exclusion and conformity. I believe we have a lot to learn from the gay community, both good and bad. We should never try to copy uncritically without thinking. Take labels, for instance. Within the gay community, many advocated using the derogatory labels others pinned on them, and by that means to disarm them. I feel that is a dangerous way to go. It will appeal to many young and militant people, but how many will that practice scare away from coming out and joining the ones already on the barricades? In light of the history, I think you can say that in the English language, the word gay has rooted as a positive and common label. I let the gay community evaluate what possible damage other terms have done. I just want to make a point here. What might work for one group of people might not work for another.

Another example of how something positive can also have a negative side is the creation of gay ghettos in larger cities. How much I understand the wish to create a refuge, to set an example, to show strength. It is also a dark, looming side that sometimes scares me. Not only does it isolate gay people from those who need to get their prejudices challenged, at also could breed a contempt for straights. And how easy to put up a fence around the block, hang on a padlock and throw away the key. Just a scary thought.

I think it is fair to say that a lot of prejudice exists and breeds within the gay community. At the same time it is fought by many gays. That factioning, dividing men and women, leather and drag, young and old, militant and reformer, . . . has its mirror among our young people. We also hear TVs put TSs down and vice versa. Not to mention how gay drag queens have been treated by the rest of us. The fact that they certainly have ridiculed the 'housewife TV' going to church and staying for coffee does not help at all. I think you could rightfully argue that many if not most DQs could just as well feel solidarity with transgendered people as with gays. By standing with one foot in each camp, they could actually bring some understanding to both sides, even help bridge the gap. Have we seriously tried to make this happen?

What it all shows is that minorities do not inherit a natural acceptance of other minorities. How will we ever succeed in breaking down common prejudice if we don't try to change our own perceptions now? The responsibility is equally divided among all minority groups, but we must do our share. I also believe that promoting the acceptance of diversity is the main route to go when educating society at large.

We sometimes say that we wish to help other people learn to understand us. That is a very tall order to fill. In spite of recent scientific research supporting the theory that our gender identity is inscribed in our genes from day one, we can't go out and say, "We are transgendered because . . . " We can say, however, "We are transgendered and we are your neighbors, the car mechanic around the corner, your children's teacher, . . . " And we vote, pay tax, bring up kids, and participate in society. What we must have is acceptance, no more, no less.

(As a side note, I like the idea of being born or genetically predisposed to this condition. I always felt I was born this way, and most socio-psychological theories make me want to puke. A totally different discussion is, if "a rare constellation of genes" should be corrected. One day we might have to fight that issue, too, based on respect for diversity.)

Should all aspects of diversity be defended, always? Of course not. Like freedom, diversity cannot be absolute in the framework of a society. We don't allow criminality, although it could be argued that it is just an occupational variation. It seems to be an easy line to draw, but not everything is as clear-cut. The International Lesbian and Gay Association is facing a pivotal decision on their up-coming world congress in New York this summer. If they do not exclude the North American Man Boy Love Association and other pedophilic groups from the ILGA congress, the organization will be kept out of most international human rights organizations, including the World Health Organization of the United Nations. Interestingly, the member organizations of ILGA have not come to an agreement on this issue after ten years of discussion. I think this is a good example of being too embracing, and a lack of judgment when those groups were admitted early on. As a result of this, an important gay rights organization is close to a split on a question impossible to defend. There is a place to draw the line.

Before ending, I would like to comment on one more aspect of embracing diversity: thinking internationally. I was born in Scandinavia, the part of Europe that most closely resembles Main Street, USA. We are raised with a large influx of American culture, and I think I understand the American way of life, generally speaking. What I do not understand, however, is how loosely and carelessly you add the name International to everything. The world today consists of several hundred states. Think about how each flag in the mass of flags in front of the United Nations building in Manhattan represents a different country, with a different culture, language, economy, government, religion, climate, . . . an endless list. If I dare to guess, I think Americans sometimes think of their country as an international state in and of itself, made up as it is by millions of immigrants. Maybe that is why everything that spans two coasts on the American continent is called international. I don't seek a fight over this, I just want to remind everyone that until we have contacts and are represented around the whole world, we cannot call ourselves an international community, or an international organization. I like to think that the name International Foundation of Gender Education is a statement of direction. I would certainly like to see IFGE as an international organization one day. Let me therefore end with a call to my sisters and brothers in Europe to also put their shoulders to the wheel and join forces with the rest of us. The task is enormous, so let's take it one step at a time, together.

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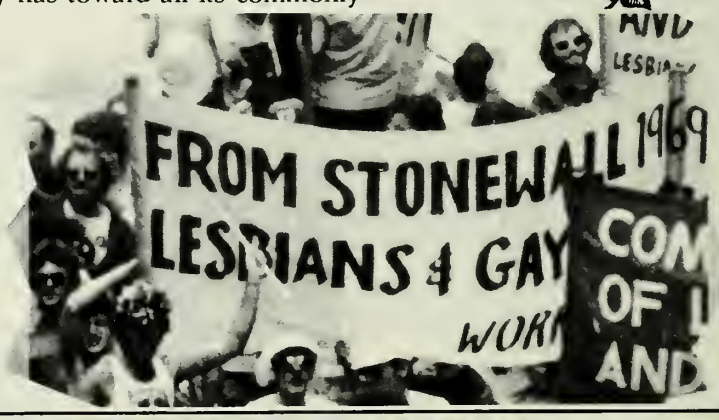
DQ ≠ TG

by Jessica M. Xavier

What's in a name? Apparently, you can leave the drag queens out of transgender, they want no part of it. Or so it seemed in Atlanta this past January 15, when I made a motion to add the term 'transgender' to the title of Stonewall 25, the International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, to be held in New York City, June 26, this year. I was seated as a representative of two national transgender organizations for this meeting of the Stonewall 25 US Steering Committee, and my proposal (which failed) faced intense opposition from many quarters, but especially from drag queen activists. And you may very well ask why.

Most of us are unfortunately totally unaware of the racial and class differences amongst the differently gendered. Remember the movie, *Paris is Burning?* Like the characters in Jennie Livingston's documentary, the drag queens and kings who started the Stonewall Rebellion on June 26, 1969 were street people of color, *latinos* and African-Americans. Their identification was and is primarily gay, they drag. Ask a drag queen what transgender means. The ones I talked to in Atlanta said it first means transsexual. Do you really think a drag queen, a gay male, can comfortably identify with a term he interprets to mean he intends to sever his sexuality some day? The few drag queens who *do* cross the line into transsexualism identify as transsexuals, not as transgender, because the term is too new and too confusing. Finally, many drag queens know that the vast majority of transgenders are heterosexual crossdressers, and if you're proud to be gay, you certainly don't want to be lumped together with a bunch of straight "transies." A number of the queens I spoke with are overt heterophobes. And the transgender community itself must accept the responsibility for our failure to make these important distinctions, and to clearly communicate who we are to the gay community. We cannot force our definitions on anyone; self-identification is a *personal* choice. Stonewall was a *drag,* not a *transgender* riot. The term didn't even exist in 1969.

Somewhat ironically, it may seem that to many gay political activists, we transgenders are not "queer" enough for them. But, this should not mean we cannot identify proudly with the prominent role of our drag sisters in the Stonewall Rebellion. Nor should it mean we cannot join with them and other gays, working toward issues of common concern. Given the oppressive attitude that "straight" society has toward all its commonly accepted "queers" (to include lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and drags), we *all* must learn to practice the politics of inclusion, working together to foster our human and civil rights. To attack Stonewall 25 merely because we are not in its title would be divisive and counterproductive, and would further damage the Transgender Movement by alienating even more gays and lesbians. Until many more of us work side-by-side with the gay and lesbian community, advancing both our visibility and our common agenda, we clearly do not deserve titular inclusion.



Stonewalled !

by Phyllis Randolph Frye

SHAME! SHAME ON STONEWALL 25!
Yuppie Gays and Yuppie Lesbians are "Dragging" the Transgendered from their Rightful Place in History

I am angry. We are angry. Once again the transgender community is being left out, this time out of the Stonewall 25 event name. We were omitted from the names of all three of the Marches on Washington, beginning in 1979, and yet we were active, supportive and attended all three. (I was there for each one.)

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NEWS FLASH!! The transgendered made the Stonewall incident happen twenty-five years ago. Drag Queens and Drag Kings of many colors created the Stonewall incident. We were arrested, and we fought back in 1969 at Stonewall. We had better be put into the event name or we will be in New York City in June 1994 to protest the attempt to drag us from our rightful place in history. We will be in-your-face big time, and we will stand against you to be arrested at the Stonewall 25 event.

Yuppie gays and yuppie lesbians, pay close attention!

My people are fixing to do battle with you. THERE IS NO COMPROMISE—NONE AT ALL—TO FULL AND COMPLETE INCLUSIVITY! We the transgendered, are just as stereotyped by you as you are by the heterosexists. Shame on you! We are in this rights struggle together. Shame on you! Get over yourselves. Shame on you! If *transgender* is not in the name right beside *gay* and *lesbian,* then I will encourage every transgendered person I know, and I am very well known in my community, to be there and to loudly and publicly embarrass you about your prejudice. Shame on you!

Yes, shame on you! How dare you try to "drag" us from our place in history. Shame on you! Your crossdressed sisters and brothers of many colors at Stonewall 25 years ago were among the first to be arrested and the first to fight back. If Stonewall is anyone's history, it is transgendered history. If you yuppie queers were there, you probably fled at the first opportunity. Similarly, the crossdressed in Nazi Germany were among the first to be arrested and sent to the camps. Similarly, most yuppie queers probably hid that one out, too. So get over yourselves, accept us, put us in the name and stand beside us to fight the true enemies—the bigots who divide us, who take our jobs, who deny our marriages and who wreck our self-esteem.

Care & Feeding of Leaders

by Nancy Nangeroni

I've been thinking lots about what makes a crossdresser. I mean, there are lots of people out there who enjoy wearing clothes of the opposite sex. But that alone doesn't define our community. Seems like another thing we have in common is that we're all loners at a very deep level. We've all spent years, decades usually, hiding from the world our most central essence, our affinity for the feminine. We've all had to do things our own way, often the hard way. Not that the hard way doesn't have its share of rewards. Heck, it's been mine for a lifetime, and I'm not about to give it up now. Besides, a challenge can be fun.

But, most of the rest of the world isn't interested in us. And if it were, we'd do our best to discourage its interest. Because we want to be alone. Why? So we can really be ourselves.

I was recently skinny dipping with some friends. First time I've done that in ages, and the first time ever in broad daylight in a shallow stream. Great stuff. One of us told of her mom who likes to be alone at home, so she can walk around the house naked. My goodness, she could be one of us! And I thought I was the only one.

Anyway, we all seem to be loners. Is it any wonder, then, that we have such a hard time working together? Is it any wonder that there are so many organizations? So many would-be leaders? Heck, that's the kind of people we are. After all, it's so much easier to do things your own way—and what better way to get your own way than to run your own show?

As part of this community, though, we are fortunate. Why? Because we are part of a growing social movement. Because it's growing, there are always new people entering, and we can easily move from newcomer to regular to leader. A little patience and some skill in listening is all it takes. Hang out, learn what's in front of you, and you, too, can have followers.

So, what's my point?

While each of us may have an important role to play in the coming changes, we are preceded, and therefore led, by our leaders. We can try to bring them down in order to create more room for ourselves. Or we can continue to support their efforts while bringing our own to bear on the profound and manifest issues before us. The latter choice is, I think, the big win. Cooperation over conflict. Harmony over hostility.

Moreover, our leaders need our help. They're all loners, just like the rest of us. Chances are, they're even more so, since they obviously developed more motivation sooner to do something about it. So it's no surprise that they sometimes have trouble working together. I don't know about you, but I don't want their job. What I want is for them to do their job well. Which means cooperating with all the others trying to do likewise. But all too often the embers of paranoia, discontent and miscommunication erupt into flames of venom.

We can all help. We can't change our leaders, but we can make a difference in how they perform for us. We can each help our leaders to get along with one another. Instead of fanning the flames, douse them. When you hear one complain about another, don't agree that the other person is valueless. Instead, counsel patience, understanding, and tolerance. Become part of the solution.

Then, when you've gotten good at it, take it to the world.

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Crossdressing, Careers, & Social Status

by Kelly Stevens

In my readings of why men who crossdress seem to be extensively from the upper income group, usually professionals of some sort, I have been led to thought, a dangerous occupation. I would like to advance two theories on the subject. I encourage discussion, debate, and research on the issue. My defenses are below. I also acknowledge up front that these are my thoughts on a complex subject expressed most simply. I assume if you are reading this that you probably have read a lot more, and can fill in some of the blanks that I have purposely left in this discussion, to keep it to a presentable size for initial publication.

If I have stepped on someone else's toes by rephrasing a previously published piece using these same ideas, I apologize. I haven't seen these ideas in print and would like to see them discussed by those with more insight and experience than I have. If I am breaking new ground, please feel free to explore these ideas in whatever format you choose. I am vain enough to request if someone is going to assign a name to the theory that mine be attached to the one I present as the second possibility. The by-line is more than adequate. I will know and that is all the recognition that I could stand right now. One possibility is that only men in upper income categories have the money, time, and energy to engage in these pursuits.

Money - Because they make more than a bare living wage they can afford to buy the clothes, makeup, etc. required to participate in this activity.

Time - Because they tend to be upper class professionals, they can go on the road to dress. Their wives have the money to go out either socially, or shopping when the crossdresser is home alone in the evening.

Energy - Possibly more important than time, since most seem to be white collar, they are not physically exhausted when they get home. Thus, they have the energy required to completely change clothes and apply makeup, a time and energy consuming action. Note: this is energy to do the dressing, not ability or skill.

A second possibility, that I like better because it says nice things about me,

35 +

This Is Important to me

&

I will pursue it.

is because the urge to crossdress and the early understanding of the strictures against such behavior, these males pursue "manly" pursuits, either to prove their masculinity or to kill their urge to crossdress. This leads to learning what is required to succeed as a man in our society. This knowledge of what is required to succeed translates into success, good paying, low physical exertion jobs.

I speculate that the effort exerted either proving manhood, or denying crossdressing for many years, restricts or represses the need. But, by early middle age, 35+, success has been achieved, and the need begins asserting itself more strongly. Or, by 35+, the man decides to apply what he has learned in decision making and consequence taking in the business environment to his personal life and says, "This is important to me and I will pursue it." Also, by this point in time, there is usually a settled lifestyle with a comfortable income, and time available since usually children are no longer small, and time is not required to do business homework, or build/repair the house.

A logical extension of the above paragraph is that my first possibility is merely a reasonable progression of the results of the learning described in the second possibility.

A little discussion mostly for my need to defend premises. The manly pursuits I mention in the second possibility include football, the military, police and fire work, engineering, etc., and not just run-of-the-mill participation in these pursuits. Military means one of the Service Academies, one of the specialties identified as most manly, i.e., Seals, Green Berets, para-troopers,SCUBA,combat, or hard hat divers, and similar more-difficult-than-average specialties. By 35+, the skills are honed and only routine training is required to maintain the necessary proficiency. By this age, much of the training is being conducted by them for younger members of the group.

The skills learned on the football field, or in the military, or in working with other hard-charging types, such as are found in engineering curriculums, are very useful in the corporate world to achieve advancement. These skills are teamwork, hard work, and working with others. In my career, I have seldom run into anyone that spent any time at all on a football team that didn't get along pretty well with almost everyone. This getting along is very useful for advancement. Side note: I could never make sense of football from a personal pain point of view, so I took one of the other routes I mentioned.

Allow me to go a little farther out on the limb. The rejection of women in most of these fields or options that I mention as manly pursuits, by

Color Scheme

by Jessica Charlene Brandon

In the December 1992 issue of *Renaissance News,* Dr. Roger Peo wrote about the problems faced by crossdressers of color and I felt compelled to respond to it because I am a black crossdresser and a lot of what he talked about really hit home for me. I started dressing in my late mother's clothes at fourteen and thought I was terribly alone, apart from the "normal" world until 1983 when I discovered what I was and learned that there were thousands more like me. The knowledge left me giddy until I took my race into consideration. Then the remoteness returned.

As a comparison, even today when I attend meetings as a full-fledged, card-carrying member of Renaissance, I still feel that awful sense of detachment, of isolation because I am black. Don't get me wrong, it's not like I'm shunned at meetings, that isn't the case. Lord knows, I'm never at a loss for companionship and camaraderie, and bighearted sisters like JoAnn Roberts and Alison Laing went out of their way to make me feel right at home. However, I couldn't escape that pervasive sense of loneliness because I was a minority within a minority.

Besides the usual insecurities most crossdressers face, especially those fresh out of the closet, such as whether or not I look passable, or at best palatable, am I properly dressed for the occasion and if my makeup is on correctly, I often wonder just what I'm doing at such an assemblage. Then I ask, "Where are the others like me? Why am I alone in a sea of white faces?" Next is the question of if I'm displaying the correct image as both a clack crossdresser and a black woman. For that matter, what is the correct image for same?

The only certainty I have regarding that question is that the image of a black crossdresser doesn't lie in prostitution or female impersonation as Dr. Peo mentioned in his article, at least it doesn't for me. I'm proud to say that I patterned myself after my mother who was a bank manager and always dressed and acted like a true lady. So my image is that of a woman of style and sophistication. The notion of prostitution is totally repugnant to me, and I could never impersonate a black movie star or recording artist. Besides, I have stage fright.

Why am I alone in a SEA of WHITE faces?

Now, I have no doubt that there are crossdressers of color out there, and I agree fully that money is one of two reasons why they have trouble reaching us. In my case, I am an enlisted man (person?) in the US Navy and you don't get rich in the military! Major conventions are out of the question. (And I'd kill to go to Fantasia Fair!) It is difficult enough just to maintain a decent femme wardrobe on my salary. For most black men who are from middle class backgrounds and don't have the financial resources, crossdressing can be prohibitively expensive.

The second reason is a combination of image and perception. This is probably a blanket statement, but black men are expected to be tough, strong, aggressive and macho because of the hard times we live in. The ultimate antithesis of the aforementioned image would be someone like myself who relishes the joy of donning women's clothing, adopting a feminine persona and exploring the softer side of gender. This easily makes me everything the stereotypical black male isn't, even though I'm in a profession where strength of character is an absolute must.

I came out of my own closet and discovered Renaissance in November 1991, and, like the majority of first timers who leave the safety and security of their caves to face the unknowns of the outside world, I was flat out

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men, is because if women are admitted then the field will not be seen as so manly.

Continuing out on the limb, the men in those fields that are least sure of their masculinity, I feel, are the ones that protest the most. I would go so far as to suggest that those that most fear expressing the female, or soft/nurturing side to themselves, may be the loudest protesters, the most vitriolic defenders of the sex and gender discrimination/segregation, and possibly the most active saboteurs of the integration process.

The last paragraph really smacks of "gay basher bashing." An admitted misnomer, but I can't think of what the appropriate anti-sexual-integration-in-the-workplace term would be. But upon much thought, I think I need to include it in this short piece for completeness of discussion.

That's about as far out on the limb as I'll go today. Have fun cutting it off if you will. But, if you are inclined to dispute or extend these thoughts, please do so. I am beginning to feel that crossdressing will be most rapidly advanced into a more socially acceptable activity if we can advance the understanding of ourselves. This understanding will come from discussin', cussin', research and work. None will be easy, but the best view from the mountain top requires the most effort to get there. Please help.

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terrified. To date, that had to have been the most courageous thing I had ever done. I could've spent the rest of my life hidden behind walls and doors, but I wanted to go and meet others like myself. In fact, I was all but obsessed about it, to confirm the fact that I wasn't some sort of freak. Merely that I was different, nothing more.

I can imagine that most CDs of color, not just in the Delaware Valley but across the country may well lack the courage I showed in exposing Jessica Brandon to the world. The risk of discovery, embarrassment and rejection is probably ten times greater for a black man who dares to cross the lines of gender because of the perception, mistaken at best, oppressive at worst, of being a second class citizen in America, despite the enormous strides made in both human and civil rights. Nevertheless, the fear can be overwhelming. I should know.

What can be done to bring "soul" sisters out of their closets? Publications such as *Ladylike* and *Tapestry* would help them immensely as they helped me. Unfortunately, such magazines, despite being tastefully well crafted can't be found next to *Newsweek* and *Cosmopolitan* because of the incorrect image of crossdressing as being a homosexual function, and that doesn't help the uninformed learn that they're not alone. However, newspaper articles on the annual IFGE convention might help open the eyes of a sister trapped behind walls of ignorance.

In closing, I've often wondered if I was the first black crossdresser in the history of Renaissance and, in a rare moment of ego, I wore that particular distinction like a medal of honor. Still, there should be more, many more of us, making ourselves seen and making our voices heard in every organization from coast to coast. In the '90s, as in past decades, black men can do absolutely anything they want once they decide to do it. That much is a proven fact. And that should also include putting on a dress and being a woman.

The Masculine & The Feminine Mindset

by Moni-Beth Griesemer

Because the masculine and the feminine mindset are so hard to define, please let me tell you what they are not. They are not sexual orientation: gay, straight or bisexual. They are not an attitude, which can be changed at will, such as butch or fem, that often changes from relationship to relationship.

Like sexual orientation, the masculine and the feminine mindset tend to be inborn. They cannot be changed and they are difficult to disguise. Mindset is like sexual orientation, we often know what we are because we are not only attracted to people of a certain orientation, but they also gravitate towards us. Like attracts like.

Without exception, I have found male-to-female transsexuals to have feminine mindsets and female-to-male transsexuals to have masculine mindsets. Straight men and gay men both have masculine mindsets, without exception, and straight women and lesbians both have feminine mindsets, without exception.

Sometimes, another group, such as straights, incorrectly assume that transsexuals are homosexual. When we explore the homosexual community, we may not be accepted because members of the homosexual group may unconsciously pick up our transsexuality, such as a heterosexual woman in the body of a man. If we are not in touch with our heterosexual transsexuality, we may be confused and hurt by this.

A tip-off is looking back to our childhood. I, for example, a hetero-sexual transsexual, F-M, gravitated towards boys as friends and boys gravitated to me. As I grew up, I realized I was attracted to adult men as friends only, and adult men per-ceived me as one of their buddies.

This is the big tip-off! Gay men do not want to be women, no matter how "queenly" their behavior, and lesbian women do not want to be men, no matter how "butch" they are. The lesbian often wants "male privilege," and the gay male often wants "female privilege," without becoming the opposite sex. The gay male is attracted to the muscles and genitalia of men and the lesbian is attracted to the curves and genitalia of women. Also they are seeking and have the mindset of the same sex!

The homosexual transsexual is a homosexual of the opposite sex in the person's body. The transsexual lesbian is every bit as much a lesbian as the genetic female lesbian, and the transsexual gay male is just as much a gay as the genetic gay male. Thus, a lesbian can be in a man's body or a gay male in a woman's body. Both are just as uncomfortable positions as being a heterosexual M-F or F-M transsexual.

Like the children's game of warmer, warmer, warmer, cooler, cooler, cooler, our entire lives are spent feeling out where we belong. We are constantly seeking closure. I feel like a stitch in the larger tapestry of life. The difficulty is that I am constantly changing because I am constantly

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our lives are spent feeling out where we belong.

On Being A Woman

by Niela Miller

A woman is born to carry another human being inside her and to feed that other being from her body. Whether she ever has a child or not, she always has a sense of herself as the potential holder and nurturer of a new life. This affects her psyche, as does learning to be like Mother. She is a *relater* to her inner being (body sensations, dreams, emotions, creative processes) and to those around her, wanting to know and listen to *their* inner Beings. Metaphorically, babies are perpetually growing inside her, and she feeds them through her attention to what is happening, and nurtures them through her expression of this inner self to the outside world. Between women, this kind of sharing of the inner self goes on naturally and routinely.

Most men in our culture must learn to separate and differentiate themselves from Mother, from being like her, from being under her influence. They must move away from the safety and paradise of the womb, and then from the security of being taken care of, or of trying to be like her; they must adopt the ways of the father, or the responsible male role models to function successfully as a man, according to the dictates of culture.

The gender-challenged person has a split: on the one hand he yearns to be like Mother, or like his ideal of Woman—soft, yielding, attractive, receptive; on the other hand he will often overcompensate for these desires by being macho, aligning himself with as many male-identified pursuits as possible. The core of his difficulty is that even when he is attempting to express his fem-self with clothing and imitations of women's behavior, he cannot quite grasp woman's Being as described earlier. In social situations he tends to either maintain his macho behavior (egocentrism, power without love, need to control, lack of in-touchness with the inner self), or he goes to the other extreme (passivity, lack of expression, suppression of personality) thinking he is being feminine. At social gatherings, gender explorers have a great opportunity to practice being part of a women's community, listening sensitively to each other without giving advice, giving encouragement to those who are attempting to grow, responding to each other's inner Beings, instead of just to the outer trappings.

Well-integrated gender explorers learn how to operate more androgynously, i.e., appropriately to the situation. In conversation they will move back and forth between themselves as the subject and the other person as equally interesting. Their sexuality is flexible, they can shift from active to receptive and back with an appreciation of both roles, and encourage their partners to do the same. They collaborate more in the decision-making process and support each other's ideas, instead of playing a game of one-upmanship. Their physical movements are sometimes exuberant, sometimes graceful—according to their feeling state, not according to some stereotype about how women move. Real femininity has nothing to do with ruffles, lipstick or waist measurements. It is a quality of Being. And, finally, we can all evolve to the state where it doesn't much matter what our gender label is, when we can all be all of who we are.

growing. I never arrive. It does help when I keep my issues separate, such as transsexualism, homosexuality and crossdressing. I am learning to enjoy the journey and to make friends where I find them.

If you are rejected by a group, try to not take it personally. It is more a reflection of them, not of you. Ask yourself, "What are they trying to tell me?" If you do not fit in with a group, there is always a reason, albeit not always a just reason. Sometimes they are cruel, which means they do not have the facility with language to tell you why, and perhaps they are too fearful. Ultimately, it is good for you and the group to go your separate ways, but you will be closer to finding where you belong.

I thank the lesbian community for rejecting me (unconsciously reacting to my masculine mindset). Otherwise, I would never have explored my transsexuality. I thank the boys and the men in my life, both gay and straight, who kept saying, "When I talk to you I feel like I am speaking to a man . . . I don't know why I am saying that . . . " Since coming out as a transsexual, I feel I have come to terms with myself and made peace with each of these communities.

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Some of My Best Friends

by Susan C.

Over a year ago, I wrote an article on "Dating a Crossdresser." The update here is that we are best friends now. The split, however, had nothing to do with the crossdressing; there were many other factors that impacted on the relationship. The good part of the story is that we are still very good friends and still see each other. Secondly, I have had the opportunity to meet many new and exciting people in the Gender Mosaic Group and other crossdresser groups. I feel I have made some very good friends and that makes me happy.

I find many of the crossdressers I have met are very exciting and fun to hang out with. I have been to some of the socials and the last Christmas dinner. I have always had a good time. The atmosphere created by the group has always been very relaxed and easy going. Most times during conversations, I feel like I'm talking to my girlfriends, laughing and joking about buying clothes, wearing heels or putting on makeup. However, there are a few guys out there that don't know how to relax and enjoy themselves at the socials. Some seem a little uptight and nervous. I say just relax and have a ball. It helps to make everyone else relax and have fun too.

During conversations, though, sometimes I have to watch what I'm saying because I'm not talking to another woman. When I'm with my girlfriends, quite often we end up talking about sex. However, when I'm with crossdressers, this subject matter takes on a different perspective. It's not that I can't talk about sex, I do, but relating to the experiences is different simply because of the biology.

On the topic of biology, there are two issues that bother me about crossdressers. The first one is the fact that you guys have all the fun of dressing up and going out whenever you feel like it and enjoy these special days or evenings on an ad hoc basis. Crossdressers, therefore, have the opportunity to enjoy being a woman periodically and don't have to live as one on a daily basis with all the discrimination and second class citizenship that goes with it. Secondly, crossdressers can enjoy most aspects of femininity without the negative biological aspect such as the menstrual cycle. For many women (me especially), as you probably are aware, this can be very painful and emotionally disturbing. Don't ask me why these two points bother me. They just do.

Perhaps part of this has to do with the fact that at times, I don't enjoy being a woman. I seem to have to work twice as hard in the workplace to get half as far, making less money. I experience frustration when my ideas or concerns are ignored or dismissed (in the workplace or at dinner table conversations), bear the brunt of sexist jokes, experience sexual assault and live in fear of more brutal assaults. There probably is more, but that is enough to get my message across. Living as a woman is not necessarily always fun. Actually, living as either sex has its drawbacks. I don't want to seem too negative on being a woman, however, I do want to point out both the good and the bad.

Since I am biologically female I have to make the best of it. I have experienced much of the negative side of being female and I've dealt with it the best I know how. After experiencing sexual assault and living about 18 years as an angry young woman, I went for counselling. I've talked to many women who have had similar experiences and that helps a great deal. I attend meetings in a self-help group and am learning much more about myself and what I want out of life. I never had a "normal" (whatever normal means) relationship with a man until I dated a crossdresser. Sandy is a wonderful person and was the longest relationship I've ever had with a man. I am also happy to say that today, I feel wonderful.

Altogether I have three good friends that are crossdressers. Sandy, of course, Belinda and Joanne. Sandy was my boyfriend/girlfriend for about two and a half years. When I wasn't out on a date with my boyfriend, I was out with my girlfriend. How many women can say that? Very few! I first met Belinda at a halloween party. I thought she was beautiful. I was completely drawn to her personality and her display of confidence. I had a hard time keeping my eyes off her. I have never been attracted to another woman, however, something about her certainly drew my attention. Belinda's other half isn't so bad either. I think I've developed a very special kind of friendship with her. Last but not least, is Joanne. Now there is a lady to be reckoned with. She too displays confidence and a fun-loving spirit. This woman always has a warm smile and a kind word. Recently I met her other half after work and we spent the evening just talking. It was wonderful. We talked about everything under the sun, moon and stars. Actually, my initial motive to meet her was to borrow a skirt or some outfit for a dinner party. However, I wasn't successful in finding just the right one. Not that she didn't have beautiful clothes, it's just that I have bigger hips. Maybe I can't raid Joanne's closet, but if she really wanted to, she could probably raid mine. Gee, what am I saying, I'll be giving her ideas!

I hope to get the opportunity to meet some of the new members at more socials. I'd like to have an open invitation to go whenever I can even though I'm not a "significant other" anymore.

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One, Two, Three. . .

by Christine Beatty

The members of our society, especially the transgendered ones, need to learn to count higher than Two, at least when it comes to genders. During intellectual discussions of these issues some of us talk about a "gender continuum," but when we feel our identity being seriously challenged we jump back into binary mode and cling to our chosen label. This seems to be especially true when the challenge comes from an unexpected source, such as from within our community.

Having personally received a few dissenting responses to my essay "Am I a Woman?" which appeared in issue #66 of *Tapestry,* I'd like to clarify my position. Gender labelling is an area in which many of us can tend to be, shall we say, touchy, and it is difficult to maintain objectivity, even for this writer. With that in mind, let me explain.

To begin with, I'll be the first to publicly defend my womanhood. I don't give **a damn** that my chromosomes are XY or that my given name at birth was "Douglas." It matters not one iota to me that I spent almost thirty years living as and thinking of myself as a male. It is an issue of supreme indifference to me that hormones, surgery and other interventions have been required to make others—*including* myself—take me seriously a a woman. I am a woman. HOWEVER, I am a *transsexual* woman, which makes me different from a genetic woman, and this was the emphasis of my prior essay.

One of the things that makes me different from a genetic woman is that I have known (and taken for granted) male privilege in my life. To be sure, as a sissy-boy-teenager and as a hippie burnout in my twenties, I did not experience the same sort of privilege that a jock or a clean cut male executive would have, but I had it at all. And though I didn't conform to the male sex role expectations, I was still taken more seriously and had more opportunities than a woman of equal socioeconomic background. Yes, **I** didn't have it as easy as a "real" man does, but that doesn't mean I experienced life as a woman. There were plenty of brainy nerds in high school who also got dumped on for being different, and that experience didn't make them women, so how can I say that mine did for me?

My "Rolex" analogy (the best Rolex copy in the world is still a copy) has been questioned, and yet I stand by it. I've been told that this metaphor overlooks the fact that there is a gender continuum and that there are also mental and spiritual factors which need to be figured in. I believe these factors are implicit in my analogy, but just let me elaborate.

First of all, we need to consider the Rolex Continuum. After all, there are copies and there are copies. To be sure, someone could go to great expense to construct a Rolex copy that even imitated the Rolex movement. We've all seen at least one transsexual who we, at first, had trouble believing was a TS. (Most of us were probably green with envy, too.) However, just as a Rolex can be taken apart to reveal its inner workings, genetic testing will reveal almost all transsexuals. Sure there are exceptions to every rule, but most basic tenets of the universe are not blown away by exceptions.

As to the non-material factors, my analogy is still apt even if it oversimplifies the issue. If I convince myself that my faux Rolex is the real deal, and if most others believe it as well, then I feel good about that. However, if its authenticity is called into question, then I might start feeling bad, especially if my beliefs have been blown to shreds in an unkind manner. Then I get defensive, hostile and unhappy.

This is where my "Third Gender" philosophy takes over. Many people in the gender community disagree with the whole concept of third gender, or at least they insist that it doesn't apply to them. Well, I'm not here to tell anybody how they should think, but I'd like to point out how Third Gender has been of great benefit to me.

The idea of double knowledge is as old as the hills: people publicly assert one thing while privately believing another. To the whole world, even to my lover, I AM A WOMAN. Our society tells me I have to be either female or male, and because I don't identify as a man then I must be a woman. However, I think that, in actuality, I am neither male nor female, and I am both male and female. That is a scary place to be because it leaves me without a sizeable peer group to belong to, and for some reason belonging is very important to me. Therefore, part of me desperately clings to the belief that I am a woman. Period.

On the other hand, there is something very liberating about being a third gender. For one thing, I get to make up the rules about what

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is appropriate behavior. Sure, as a woman or a man I could also make up such rules, but I've tried that before and the cultural hangover made it a disquieting thing for me. There are just some things that, as a woman, I won't permit myself.

An example of this is my singing. I sang with a rock band in Phoenix in the late '70s and early '80s and I've got a good voice, but some of my best singing is undeniably male-sounding. In early transition, when I refused to consider myself as being anything other than a woman, I would not permit myself to sing, denying myself a pleasurable activity. Since I have embraced a third gender identity I have not only permitted myself to sing as I want, I sing that way *publicly*. I don't care what others think, and that's what brings me to the greatest benefit of being a third gender.

I am a WOMAN.

However I am a TRANSSEXUAL Woman.

By internalizing my third gender identity, I have slowly made it okay for myself to be "clocked" as a transsexual. Being read used to be a major blow to my ego. I've spent hours, days, weeks *wishing I was dead* because somebody noticed I was a transsexual, or they—even worse—called me "he." I have managed to put self-hatred out of my life since I have started to think of myself as an "other."

Let's face it, only a few transgenders will "pass" all the time in every situation, and once we have been discovered as transgenders, then someone may seek to exclude us. That's just the price of being different. I'm not willing to lie to myself anymore by saying I'm not different, because that makes getting clocked all the more traumatic. Transsexuals who stubbornly aver they are like genetic women are setting themselves up for a fall. My knees are badly scabbed after many such falls, partly due to living in TG-sensitized San Francisco, and found it no longer worth it. Instead, I take pride in my difference. Self-esteem beats self-hatred any day of the week.

So where does this leave us as a community and individually? One problem is that transsexuals who want surgery (some would call this a redundancy) are forced to walk a thin line. Providers have been known to withhold recommendations for surgery and even hormones because the candidate did not conform to their expectations. (A friend of mine was denied SRS by two surgeons because of her lesbian orientation.) As a result, many transsexuals have become adept at parroting back—even internalizing what these professionals expect. Just how much of the "wisdom" about transgendered people has been passed along and not been critically examined because it suited everybody concerned to swallow it whole? Some of these ideas have been around since the days when suitability for transition was based mostly on the "passability" of the candidate. Thank Goddess that idea has mostly been abandoned, but we need to do some soul-searching about our other "truths" as well.

Please don't misunderstand me again. I'm not calling for MTF transsexuals to renounce our womanhood publicly. I'm not even suggesting that we must do so privately. All I'm saying is that my level of serenity has increased immeasurably since I gave up clinging to the unqualified belief that I am just another woman. I have been able to mostly resign from the debating club when it came to arguments about the "legitimacy" of transgender womanhood. Others may do the arguing for me now; I'm no longer threatened by challenges to my gender. Once I learned to count higher than two, a whole new world opened up where I fit in quite nicely and from which nobody can exclude me.

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Sex In A Gender Gifted Relationship

by Linda Peacock

One of the most painful aspects for some women who are involved with a gender-gifted man is the sexual side of the relationship, and how, if at all, the crossdressing fits into it. I think this is such a personal thing that there cannot be a generalized right or wrong; rather, each couple must individually confront it and deal with it.

One of my dear friends, Janie, is an extraordinarily open-minded woman. Her capacity for loving is amazing, and it surrounds the lucky recipient. Janie married her crossdressing husband last January, and, as she had been married previously to a crossdresser and widowed, I would have to say she has had some experience in dealing with the sexual issues in such a marriage. Janie presented a Bedrooms Issues program at the Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE) last July. During it she shared her own personal experiences and thoughts.

One of the most thought provoking comments she made was that the most powerful, electrifying sexual experience of her life was when she willingly allowed her husband to act out his number one crossdressing fantasy. It turned out to be just as fantastic for her as it was for him.

As I said, Janie is an extraordinary woman, and her openness about her husband's sexual needs is extraordinary. However, because it is right for Janie does not necessarily mean it is right for me, or for you. We all want to have electrifying, fantastic sexual experiences, but not all of us can deal with the idea of a man in women's clothing in bed with us.

One of the things you will read and hear over and over again is that often a woman fears that she may have lesbian tendencies if she goes to bed with her partner when he is dressed as a woman, or even worse, that she could be turned on by this man in that state. Every article and book I have read emphatically states that this is not true. The majority of women in this situation are not lesbian, nor do they have those tendencies, and they should just get rid of this fear.

You BOTH need to be very honest with each other about . . . needs

If we confront this fear and dissolve it, it still brings us to the fact that many of us still have partners who want to wear lingerie to bed and make love. So many of us have been reared to expect our husbands to be macho men, very virile, dominating in bed, bringing us to mindless orgasms. They must be hairy, muscular, so very manly. Instead, we find ourselves in bed with a man who has shaved that wonderful body hair off, who often would rather be dominated than dominating, and who is wearing a lacy nightgown or a sexy little number that *we* would much rather be wearing. He's probably wearing a wig and all his makeup, too! It goes against everything we have been raised to expect in a man, and I can't blame any woman for going into major shock, and total sexual turnoff.

On the other hand, are we, as women, tuned in to our own bodies and needs? Do we understand that our sexual satisfaction rests solely with ourselves? This means reaching a level of maturity and a sense of self-esteem. It means changing everything our mothers taught us about being a woman.

I personally believe that one reason a woman cannot stand her partner to be crossdressed in bed is because she is relying too much on his ability to arouse her. By being in bed crossdressed, he is already making a statement that it excites him. If he knows that his female partner doesn't like it, it shows a huge lack of sensitivity to her needs, as well as tremendous selfishness if he insists on it. To the female partner, it is as though he is saying, "You are not alluring enough to attract me, so I need to have the turn-on of wearing lingerie in order to reach satisfaction." It sounds very cruel, even abusive.

However, again, I think it is going to depend on the man. It may be that he finds his partner very alluring, very desirable, but the dressing adds spice to it all, making it all the more exciting for him. It does not necessarily mean at all that he does not find you, his partner, exciting. And, if you have a reasonably communicative relationship, you can just ask him about it. Hopefully, he will answer you honestly.

If your husband or partner is a loving man, sensitive to your needs, then he will be honest about it. And, if you find that he does find you

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attractive, then it should put your fears to rest. Believe him! If your husband is generally abusive to you, dishonest or unloving, then you might well believe that he is only being turned on by the lingerie, not by you, and that you are only a vessel for his sexual outlet. It is not making love at all. It is simply a physical act devoid of any feelings of love or desire or compassion for his partner.

If this is the case, I urge you to seek counseling as soon as you can—you are being deprived of everything you deserve as a woman, and you need to find out why you are allowing it to go on. I think you need to learn to like yourself, see yourself as the special, wonderful, desirable woman you are inside.

If you can communicate in your relationship with your partner, and he tells you he does, indeed, want you, then you both need to be very honest with each other about what your individual needs are. Tell him that it doesn't turn you on when he's in bed dressed, that it makes you feel undesirable, and as though he is finding excitement in his dressing and not in you. Talk about what *you* need, but then be willing to talk about his needs, too. Try to come to some compromise that will be satisfying to both of you. Be willing to be open about your fantasies, and utilize your fantasies. In a loving and warm relationship, honesty extends right into the bed. You should be able to share those interesting thoughts that excite you. Offer to live out one of his fantasies in return for him making your fantasy come true. Find inventive ways to give each other pleasure. Allow the intimacy of the mind and heart to blend with the intimacy of the body.

I think it is rare to find a woman such as Janie who takes his excitement and turns it into her excitement, too. However, you need to know that Janie's husband is equally concerned about her needs, and is constantly trying to find ways to give her this happiness.

Again, it is a two-way, not a one-way street. A one-way street only gets you to where you are going, but you can't use it to come back. So it is in a relationship—if only one partner is finding satisfaction, then there is no way to get back. Both partners need to be satisfied, both need to care about the other, both need to be in tune with the other's needs.

Don't let yourself be caught on that one-way street. Demand that you receive the happiness you deserve. Only you and you alone have the capability of finding true satisfaction in you, relationship with your partner. If you don't let him know how you feel or what you need, he'll never know. And he needs to know!

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The Berdache Spirit

by Wendy Susan Parker

In 1530, The Spanish explorer Cabeza de Vaca wrote in his diary of seeing "soft" native Indian males in Florida tribes dressing and working as women. Later, numerous reports by 17th century Spanish Conquistadors in the southwest, and 18th century writings by Catholic missionaries, French fur traders and British Colonists in the northwest confirmed the same phenomenon in other tribes. Cultural anthropologists later documented this "third gender" status in at least 120 other North American tribes and in numerous other cultures around the world.

They were named by Europeans as "berdache" from the Persian "bardaj," originally a derogatory term meaning a passive homosexual partner usually a "pretty" or feminine young boy. Yet, Indian berdache are very different from the European view of "berdaj" as "sodomite heretics" as written about by the Crusaders invading Persia in the Middle Ages. Instead, native cultures seem to embrace the notion of an opposite gender identity, different from one's anatomical sex WITHOUT any implied sexual preference. They were viewed by native tribes as having an almost "sacred" status for the most part. Indian spiritual philosophy not only accepts a "third gender" status, but almost encourages it. With few exceptions by some of the more warlike tribes like the Apache and Comanche, the berdache are found to comfortably coexist in almost every single North American tribe, especially in the midwest, great plains and the southwest.

Unlike European Americans, gender or sexual divergence did not threaten the Indians. Berdache males in particular often became healers, surgeons, counselors, therapists, high religious priests, shamans, witch doctors and medicine men. They were regarded as a kind of "holy men." Berdache males could also become one of the multiple wives of Indian braves and, in rare cases, of genetic females who became "men" by proving themselves as warriors. The term "berdache" is, of course, a generic one, as they were called by different terms depending on the tribe. They were "winktes" in the Lakota Sioux, "Nadle" in Navaho tribes, "Shamans" in the Mojave and "Mahu" in the Polynesian culture of Tahiti.

Since the berdache could mix characteristics of both genders, they were viewed as having a special status as if "blessed" by the gods. They were thought to be the "middle gender," and seen as prophets and visionaries having an almost mystic and psychic vision into the future. They were often consulted by tribal elders and chieftains because they were thought to have a kind of "universal knowledge" and special connection to the "great spirit."

It is extremely interesting to note that the concept of a "transsexual" is a Western one based on the notion that there are two "opposite" sexes with distinct, culturally "approved" gender characteristics. Western philosophy seems much narrower in this respect than Eastern philosophies as it allows only for strict stereotypes. Setting up a rigid dichotomy of paired opposites allows little tolerance for cultural and social variances of what is perceived to be masculine or feminine. With these narrow constrictions on all behavior, it is little wonder that we live in such a neurotic and violent society. With little room to express the total spectrum of human emotion from nurturing to assertive behavior, people have to hide or ignore some of the basic emotional outlets ascribed to one gender or the other. Only recently do we see a social acceptance of men "in touch" with their feminine side, or assertive women who, as the book says,"...run with the wolves."

Because of these polar stereotypes, people who are merely dissatisfied with their GENDER ROLE feel they have only ONE alternative: to anatomically become the other sex through surgery. Since this was impossible before the surgical techniques and synthesized hormones of the 20th century, Native American Indians allowed for more gender role flexibility without the social stigma of our modern culture. In our myopic modern society, restrictive western social values see only two diametrically opposed possibilities, yin OR yang, rather than the unifying combination of both in an androgynous mix.

A "culture" is really just an accumulation of social and historical "habits" through a repetition of tradition. The notion of feminine behavior and "being a woman" is a SOCIAL entity, not a biological one. (Sorry Mr. Freud, anatomy is NOT destiny.)

In comparison with Native Indian berdache, it is arguable that many transsexuals of today become "post-op" only because of the pressure of a "polarized" western society of EXTREMES. (In Buddhism and other Eastern philosophies, one is encouraged to seek the "middle path.")

In modern times, one is forced to choose only one role or the other with NO allowances for variations along an infinitely divisible gender spectrum. Even more confining in modern America is the view that calls

for even MORE extreme role models. I call this the Rambo/Bimbo syndrome. You are either Sylvester Stallone, Marilyn Monroe, or a "disappointment." In a metaphysical sense, the modern post-op TS could be seen as perpetuating gender role stereotypes and thus limiting the social wardrobe and habits restricting both males AND females.

Sex and sexuality seem to be a biological constant. However, gender identity should not be drafted by laws and defined by society's rules! The Indians of North America constructed a beautiful option of alternative gender possibilities WITHOUT stigma. As part of their "vision quest" to search for higher truths, they allowed a kind of personal freedom which we don't ever enjoy today. We are not given the personal-life choices that were readily available in what we arrogantly call "primitive cultures."

By allowing the flexibility of lifestyle variations, the Indians liberated themselves in a spiritual sense in a way we could learn from today. The emphasis among the Indians was more towards social role choices and expectations than focusing on sexual behavior. Our culture today in America has an obsession with homophobia that is both unhealthy and, ultimately, self destructive.

A study of Indian berdache culture could teach us all a way to break out of the narrow-minded Western model of "deviance" and allow us to appreciate the beautiful diversity of the human population in our species of humankind wherever they may fall along the spectrum of the beautiful gender rainbow.

Wendy (center) attending Southern Comfort TG program with Nancy Nangeroni (left) and program coordinator Holly Boswell

WHAT'S THE ANSWER ?

Are we, as transgendered people, actually PROMOTING gender role stereotypes by dressing as we do?

Is the gender community helping or hurting the women's movement?

Do we seek to project a perfect balance of masculine and feminine energies as a unified whole (yin/yang; anima/animus), or do we seek to alternately become one extreme or the other?

Why are so few in the gender community involved in real women's issues (ERA, pay inequality, child care, violence against women)?

Why are so few involved with women's groups like NOW, etc.?

For political and equal rights issues for transsexuals and transgenderists, is a more natural political alliance with the women's movement, or with the gay movement?

Do transgendered people dislike their male persona, can we integrate our male energy. Even genetic women can explore and enjoy their masculine, assertive side. Can we negate our past history or utilize it into our chosen role as the Berdache were empowered to do by their masculine AND feminine energy? Is this about "integration" of male and female energies into a "whole," or the SEPARATION of male and female energies to accommodate the "comfort level" of society, family and co-workers around us?

Why do men and women communicate differently?

Why do you think the ancient goddess worship and maternal-based culture of the seventh to third millennia B.C. died out? How has history been biased and skewed by only men writing it until very recently?

Are we feminine males, masculine 'womyn,' or a distinct third gender in the middle?

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Is it possible to have a perfect balance of masculine and feminine such that you could theoretically be "married" to yourself?

When you look in the mirror, can you project a masculine image and then quickly alternate a feminine image without change of expression or makeup, i.e., is how we see ourselves strictly a function of internalizing in our minds? Are we two people, or two sides of the SAME person?

Why are so many people in the transgendered community without relationships?

If there are no mistakes in the celebration of life, why are more people not celebrating it? Why the lives of quiet desperation of so many in the gender community?

Do you dislike your male persona?

What are valid criteria to measure gender roles?

To measure gender identity?

In a theoretical society in the distant future, if men and women wore the same clothes and hairstyles, would you still need to express your "femaleness"? How would you (or would it be like the old joke about the crossdresser who was invited to the nudist costume party and didn't have a thing to wear)?

Is there a greater social acceptance by us now in society? Is this a result of exploitive tabloid journalism and talk shows? Will we live to see a time in the next three of four decades when this issue will invoke a blasé reaction? Are we that accepted now already?

Does there seem to be an avoidance of commitment and relationships in this community? What is the cost of intimacy?

What is it that the unenlightened and uninformed in this society find so repellant and abhorrent about who we are and how we express ourselves? Why the gut-wrenching, knee-jerk reaction?

Why are men more threatened than women by our lifestyle?

Metaphorically, if Adam was the prototype, was Eve the finished product?

If we are literally the home of two souls, as the Indians believe, why are some in denial of their past gender?

Are most crossdressers "caricatures" of women? Are female impersonators "parodying" women in a derogatory manner? Is it a put down? Do TVs try to "out do" biological women?

Many in the community report that getting in touch with their femme persona is a release of tension...like a cleansing. Why?

Hypothetically, if a biological male had surgically implanted, functioning ovaries and uterus so that they were capable of gestation, would they be a "true female," a "functioning woman," a "hybrid variety of a woman," i.e., at what point would most biological women fully accept this person as a female...if ever? So, is it reproductive capacity...or collective life experiences of growing up female which satisfy the requirements? I want to play the spoiler and ask the thorny question...just what the hell IS a woman???

What do you think of the notion of these concepts which are often discussed: a woman with a penis, a man with a neovagina, a male lesbian? Can a case be argued that they even exist?

Virginia Woolf (and many other famous writers) have said that when you're writing or creating, you have to have an androgynous mind. That you write not with a "male pen" or a "female pen." Why is this? (In her book *Orlando,* the title character is magically transformed from a man to a woman overnight. Orlando wakes up the next morning, looks in the mirror very unimpressed and says, "Same person. No difference at all. Just a different sex.")

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Marilyn's Dream

by Winnie Brant

Those of you who now enjoy going to any of the Major Events of the transgendered world probably realize that it was not always so—but where and when was the *first* time? Well, it all started in about 1970 with the dream of one *Marilyn Irving,* a closeted cross-dresser living in Seattle, Washington, USA. The first major event was named just DREAM, all capital letters. Contrary to what I have seen recently in the CD press, DREAM was not a weekend event, but a *full-week* (Monday-Friday), the weekends were optional extras. Held on the Oregon Coast, DREAM was a *major* milestone for the gender community—the *first* week-long event, bringing together over 50 crossdressers and their wives.

To fully appreciate what Marilyn did for our community, you have to think back to the early 1970s: Virginia Prince had been publishing *Transvestia* for about ten years and had founded the Foundation for Personality Expression (FPE), forerunner of Tri-Ess; there were a number of chapters and various other groups scattered around the country, but, there was *no* Fantasia Fair, *no* IFGE, or any other convention; in fact, there had been *no* previous national gathering of more than 50 CDs, apart from one isolated, legendary weekend in the Catskills in the mid-'60s. Most of us were deep in the closet.

Marilyn had an impossible dream: to be a fashion model, and she believed that many of us shared her dream. So, she approached Glorea LaVonne, the owner of a Modeling School in Portland, Oregon, and invited her to attend a dinner meeting of the CD group the Lambda Sigma chapter of FPE. Glorea came, was intrigued, and came again with some of her staff instructors. Next, Marilyn asked, "How long would it take to teach a bunch of men the finer arts of feminine fashion?"

"Well, my beginning girls start with twelve weeks."

Marilyn challenged, "Could you give a crash course in *one* week?"

Now, you must understand that this was no ordinary girls' finishing school, but the top Modeling School in the whole State of Oregon. Her staff, mostly former students, were top-flight professional high-fashion models, competing in the National Modeling Association Championships in New York City. These wonderful women had the looks, talent, poise, charm and determination that this proficiency entails. So Glorea rose to the challenge: "Yes, but you'll have to live as women the whole time!" This, of course, tickled Marilyn pink!

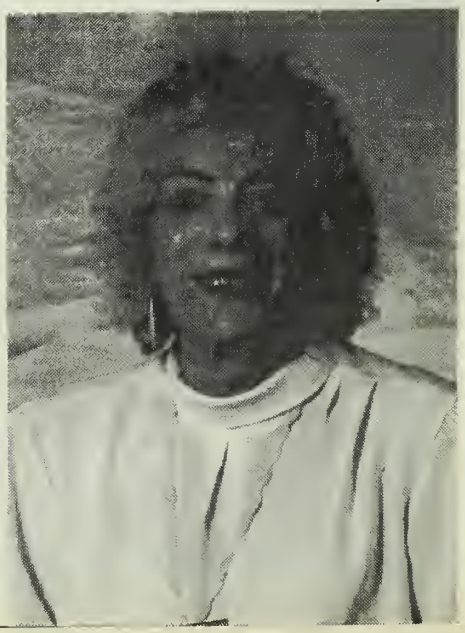
So, where could a group of men live in style as women and go to school without hassle, in a state that as recently as 1992 had a constitutional amendment on the ballot to declare gays and their supporters "perverts"? Marilyn searched up and down the Oregon coast, and finally found a secluded luxury condominium of some 30 units, the perfect spot. The accommodations have never been matched (not even close!) at any subsequent event. Not ordinary motel rooms, but elegantly decorated suites—a *huge* living room with sliding glass doors to a balcony overlooking the Pacific Ocean, full kitchen, two bedrooms with *large* closets, and two full baths. There was a large recreation hall for classes, and a heated indoor swimming pool on the premises, and a patio on the dunes leading down to the beach.

Marilyn's other self approached the manager. Yes, the whole complex could be rented at reasonable rates to a group for a week in the latter half of September, but what kind of group is it? Marilyn carefully explained. "Huh?! You'll have to talk to the Owners' Association." So Marilyn did, and persuaded them that everything would be fine.

Now, girls have to eat, and like to dress up to go out in the evening. Marilyn drove some 20 miles up the coast to the nearest resort city and located the biggest and best restaurant in the area. Yes, they had a very large banquet room overlooking the ocean, of course, they could serve something *lots* better than the standard rubber-chicken fare, and cater luncheons at the condominium. Again, Marilyn explained everything to the owner and got him on board her DREAM-boat.

A few minor details to settle: bus transportation between the condominium and the restaurant; forewarn the local sheriff, just in case any trouble arose; persuade members of your local CD group to provide shuttle service 100 miles from the Portland Airport to the coast for those who would be flying in, with tons of baggage!

Back to see Glorea: "I have it all arranged! Leave your school in Portland (sorry it's at the beginning of the school year), bring half-a-dozen of your most experienced instructors, and a truckload of teaching aids down to the coast, and teach these clumsy guys to be fashion models!" Glorea may have



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had second thoughts at this point, but she kept her half of the bargain. Vendors, too—but not those accustomed to catering to crossdressers. Marilyn persuaded the owners of two of the most elegant ladies' shops in Portland that it would be worth their while to fill a van with larger-size dresses, etc., and send a couple of salesladies along.

What else needed to be done? The package was put together, unfortunately rather expensive, but well worth it. The final problem was that with the high fixed cost of the entire condominium complex and modeling school, Marilyn had to convince *well over 50* people to take a week of vacation and join her in order to just break even. The total budget was over $20,000, and would be more than double that amount in 1993 dollars. A couple of months before the event she had to sign contracts and take a significant personal risk. Now, read the first two paragraphs again!

Marilyn had an impossible dream,

to be a fashion model.

Marilyn was as skillful in marketing her package as she had been in negotiating it. She named it DREAM and chose Raggedy Ann as the mascot. She carefully crafted page after page of persuasive prose, printed it all on pink paper, and posted it to all the members of FPE, and others she knew. To entice the paranoid out, she handled *all* correspondence herself, promising perpetual privacy. To this day, no one else has seen the DREAM mailing list!

Marilyn first tried to make her DREAM come true in 1972, but the announcement was late, and too few had signed up by the deadline, so she had to cancel. This would have been enough to kill the enthusiasm of most people, but, undaunted, Marilyn tried again in 1973. This time, enough of us succumbed to her pink propaganda to "Go for it!"

So, one sunny Sunday in September, I landed at Portland Airport and looked around for other guys wearing a Smiley Face button. Marilyn had it all meticulously planned, down to the last detail! My roommate, Sharon Ann was there with her VW bus to carry the luggage, and I was swept away in another car, through the enchanted forests of Oregon, for the most fabulous week of my life. This was about six months after I had joined FPE. Only a month before, I had not even met another crossdresser. Only a week before, I had met Wilma and joined TVIC, forerunner of the TGIC in Albany, New York.

It turned out that Marilyn had not been exaggerating in her promotional literature (at least, not by very much). Glorea took her teaching task seriously that first year. We had makeup in the morning, hair-care in the afternoon, and walking in heels in the evening, yes, the *evening*, to 11pm. Things loosened up in the second and subsequent years—the late evenings were devoted to partying in the suites.

Teachers and students fraternized (sororitized?), and there was no way those professional models were going to let themselves be outglamoured by mere males! And, somehow, they always managed to show up bright and perky the next morning, on time for class! A number of romances blossomed, leading to a couple of marriages. There are many other poignant stories, both sweet and sour, that could be told.

Word of DREAM was carried back to the East Coast, inspiring Ariadne Kane to conceive and produce Fantasia Fair. But, there had already been three DREAMs before the first Fair in 1975. The Fair, in turn, inspired Merissa Lynn to found the Tiffany Club, and then the IFGE. For the first time, DREAM had demonstrated that our community *could* come together from great distances, in large numbers, in style, pride and dignity, and deal with the straight world.

In all, Marilyn organized and took full responsibility for seven DREAM programs, with very little help, in 1973, '74, '75, '76, '78, '80 and '83. Marilyn, Glorea and DREAM will always be remembered by those who were there, some from as far away as Australia. DREAM was the Camelot of Crossdressing—in a Cavalier Castle by the Sea—there will never be another like it!

So, why isn't Marilyn well recognized in the gender community today? Because it is not quite accurate to describe her as a "tireless" worker. When the final curtain came down on DREAM in 1983, Marilyn was physically and emotionally exhausted. Just think of coordinating a big convention, almost all by yourself, *seven* times! Since then, she has retired into anonymity, remembered only by her friends who attended one or more DREAMs. But, some of these friends are among the most prominent leaders in the gender community today: Virginia Prince, Betty Ann Lind, Ellen Summers, Eve Burchert, Jennifer Richards, Nancy Ann Martine, Sharon Ann Stuart, Samantha Wall, Joan Sheldon, Jane Peabody, Sandy Thomas, the late Dorothy Finch, and others who escape my memory. Plus a significant number who are now living their dreams full-time as women.

There *will* be *A DREAM OF A REUNION* at the IFGE coming together Convention in Portland, Oregon in March, 1994! If you were at any of the DREAMS, come and remember old friends and good times. If you missed it there will be an informal presentation so you can learn about its magic.

Wig Classification

by Lady Di™

Classification awareness is perhaps the single-most important aspect of your wig wardrobe. What does this mean? It means the style and the size of your wig. There are three major wig companies that I would highly recommend. In order of preference at this time they are: Eva Gabor and Renée of Paris, these are both moderately priced and good quality; Adolfo, expensive, but worth it; and expensive but well worth it are the Jacqueline Wigs, which, by the way, we will be introducing to all our customers the first half of 1994.

Eva Gabor categorized their wigs into thirteen classifications, most of them named for the style of the wig. The exceptions are two classifications indicating size (Petite or Large) and construction (Hand-tied). This classification system has worked very well for everyone.

In choosing a classification for yourself, be realistic if you want to pass in public. Sometimes we see something we like, but in reality we cannot wear it ourselves. However, if you're just looking for something to wear at home, then let the sky be the limit. Always consult with the person you are making your purchase from. They should know best and thereby be able to recommed a suitable style and size that are best for you. Not too many wig companies, however, offer larger head size wigs . . . but I've been pushing 'em and now you'll see more wig companies offering larger sizes in 1994. Here are some of the Eva Gabor classifications. Where do you fit in?

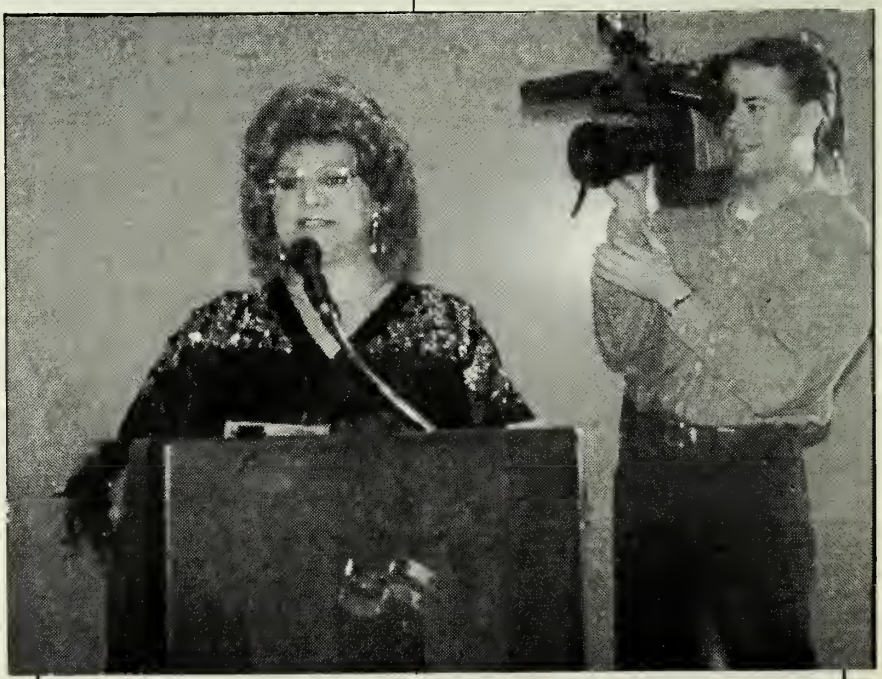
PETITE: Petite wigs *(see above)* are designed for a customer with a small head size. For identification purposes, the names of the small wigs are generally preceded by the word "Petite," for example, Eva Gabor's "Petite Chic" or "Petite Whim." The circumference of a petite wig is between 19½ and 20 inches.

BASIC: Basic wigs are regular (average) size, or about 21 inches in head circumference. They usually feature a tapered neck with a top that can be wavy or curly. Basic wigs tend to be classic or traditional in style.

FLUFF: Fluff back wigs feature a curly fluff in back with a relatively full front that can be worn off the face, in bangs, or waved at both temples. It is the style inspired by Eva Gabor herself.

GAMIN: Gamin wigs are short. The hair is usually straight, sometimes with a part. "Boy cuts" are usually classified as gamin. Eva Gabor's "Vista" is a typical gamin wig.

CURLY: Curly wigs *(see above)*, not surprisingly, consist of curls, either short and tight, or soft and open.



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SHAG: Shag wigs are collar-length in back with a top that is curly, or more often, layered.

PAGE: The telling feature of a page is that the ends of the wig can be curved under. Most pages have bangs, but not all. The wig is usually straight or slightly waved, coming to just below the ears.

LARGE HEAD SIZES: These wigs are designed to accommodate the customer with a larger than average head size. The head circumference is 23 inches.

HAND-TIED: Hand-tied wigs are determined primarily by the construction. In hand-tied wigs, each fiber is tied or knotted by hand to a fine-mesh base. This kind of wig crafting is extremely time-consuming and, therefore, more expensive than a regular machine-made wig. But, a hand-tied wig is known for an ultra-soft fit, and flexible, natural looking fibers.

HAIRPIECES: Wiglets, braids, switches or semi-wigs are a very popular classification. Like Eva, many women find them useful in augmenting their hair.

DRESSY: Dressy wigs can vary from a swept-up style to a long, full, and sexy silhouette. Dressy wigs have a certain "glamour" appeal. They can be particularly contemporary.

MID-LENGTH: Mid-Length wigs fall to the shoulders. The styles can be straight, curly, or wavy.

LONG: Long wigs *(see above)* fall to below the shoulders. Like the mid-length, the styles can be straight, curly, or wavy.

Obviously, some classifications overlap. A petite wig might also be curly. A dressy wig may be long. We try to pick the most salient feature. For example, in a choice between petite and curly, the petite is the most important aspect since all the other curly wigs have regular size.

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The CD/CG "Paraculture"

A Review Of The Past 25 Years

by Ariadne Kane

Over the past twenty-five years there have been many changes regarding this paraculture both in perceptions and behaviors and activities. Some of you may remember when crossdressing (CD) was considered a "sexually deviant behavior" relegated to a makeshift stage in a combat zone of a major city, or to an individual's attic or closet. It was like a plague for the person smitten with it. There was hardly any literature on the subject. What little there was could only be found in a back alley bookstore. Many practitioners lived in a sea of guilt, fear and shame about their CD activity. Some used drugs and alcohol to mask their anxiety. Lifestyles for many were hidden deep in their psyche, occasionally to make a timid appearance at Halloween, New Year's Eve or Mardi Gras in New Orleans. In short, there was no tolerance for CD or crossgender (CG) behaviors in Euro-American culture for most of the first half of the twentieth century. We have come a long way from that dark, negative period. During the past twenty-five years we have seen the flowering of a number of CD/CG behaviors. These behaviors have been received more tolerantly by the general public, and, more importantly, by the people engaged in them.

Two important factors that have influenced changes in the perception of CD/CG behaviors are the emergence of social contact groups in many major metropolitan centers, and the media impact of movies, autobiographies and the appearance of articulate CD/CG people on national television programs.

The development of the social group for all persons who crossdressed but live in "closets" gathered momentum in the '50s and '60s. It was Virginia Prince who organized the Foundation for Personality Expression (FPE) in several regions of the USA. Once a CD discovered a contact person connected with FPE, it was a revelation. To know that you were not the only person in the world afflicted with this anxiety-ridden, shameful behavior was nearly miraculous. The possibility of meeting others who crossdressed as you did in a relatively safe environment (usually someone else's home) was a strong motivator to making the connection. It was both exhilarating and scary.

Other individuals took the responsibility and the risk to form social contact groups. Among the many groups formed were Cherrystone of Boston that evolved into the Tiffany Club of New England; TVIC of Albany, New York; and Gateway Gals and Guys that later became ETVC in California. This spurred the development of many other groups in America, Canada and Europe. FPE consolidated with the Mamselle Sorority to form the Society for the Second Self, or Tri-Ess.

It was through these social contact groups that CDs began to sort themselves out and learn to improve on the practical aspects of crossdressing, question the conventional modes of gender expression in relation to sexual preference and start to label aspects of the behavior, and introduce spouses and partners to the CD/CG activities. The process of socialization began with the contact group.

It was and still is a huge leap for a CD/CG person to expose him/herself before the television-viewing audience that has rigid attitudes about crossdressing males. But, in the late '60s and early '70s, some of the leaders of the paraculture took that risk of opening themselves to the scrutiny of a public with a predominantly negative attitude about matters sexual. Nonetheless, inroads were made in presenting a plea for understanding and tolerance.

By the 1980s the major talk shows had taken an interest in the topic, and several leaders made appearances there. I will never forget appearing on the Phil Donahue Show. It was a full-hour program before a live audience (mostly women coming from all parts of the midwest). The dialog, the questions posed by a less-than-sympathetic audience and my personal fear of public exposure to friends and family who knew nothing about my CD activities all contributed to my sense of mission.

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I wanted to push the envelop of bigotry, intolerance and misinformation and present a balanced view of the paraculture to the viewing public. I received 8000 responses from that memorable appearance. About 90% of the letters were positive and affirmed my decision to go on the show. Over half of them were from closeted CDs and TSs. During the '80s, television appearances by members of this paraculture on a plethora of talk shows has had the effect of demystifying some aspects of CD/CG behaviors and has heightened the public's awareness of the complexity of gender presentation in relation to sexual preference.

Before 1950 very little had been written about these behaviors. What there was was hidden away on library reference shelves. Because it was considered prurient, it was accessible only to professional people. Some of the writings had yet to be translated into English. There was a need for authoritative, factual information for the medical and legal professionals.

The first book of intelligent content was *Transvestism . . . men in female dress*, by David O. Cauldwell, ScD, MD published in 1956. It was meant for the medical profession, but gradually found its way into the avant garde book shops. Then came Virginia Prince's *Transvestia* booklets and her many books. These were available to all members of FPE, and could be bought in whatever adult bookstores would carry them. These publications set the stage for periodicals like *Tapestry*, and the many other books written by professionals that have been written since then.

As the groups became more institutionalized, there was growing interest in ideologies, the mechanics of operating a group (screening processes, security issues, etc.), and the efficacy of sex reassignment surgery (SRS).

This growing interest in SRS led to the establishment of gender clinics at several medical universities in the US. This coincided with the publication of *The Transsexual Phenomenon* by Harry Benjamin, MD. Dr. Benjamin developed a TV/TS scale for sorting out the many CD/CG/TS types. This scale became a useful tool for sexologists, therapists, sex educators and medical professionals.

The wide awareness of Benjamin's and others' work was a basis for the establishment of a new category in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders (DSM)*. Called Gender Dysphoria, this new category established the symptomatology of gender disorder in adults and children and labelled it a syndrome.

In the late '70s, the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA) was established. Its major contribution was to develop the Standards of Care for Gender Dysphoric Individuals. This has served and continues to serve as the primary basis for screening candidates for SRS.

Until 1980 there was little education about the diversity of gender, not just at one critical period, but throughout one's life span. There was clearly a whole range of needs for information about CD/CG behaviors both for the individuals and for the health care providers. The first of these needs to be considered was the practical education of the crossdresser.

In 1972 there was the first DREAM Holiday, a week-long retreat for crossdressers on the Oregon coast. Those fortunate enough to hear about it attended. It focused on the practical side of femme presentation, makeup, dress, voice, comportment to effect a credible image as a woman. It was the first time a group of CDs met and stayed in a commercial setting for more than two days. It was a peak experience for most of those who were there.

The DREAM Holiday kindled the idea of Fantasia Fair, a week-long living and learning experience for CD/CG folks. The first Fan Fair was in 1974. It was a practicum in the social and mechanical aspects of presenting as a woman. It was done in the tolerant community of Provincetown, Massachusetts.

One outcome of the Fair experience was a sharing of the gender euphoria of attendees with others (other CD/CGs, their partners, etc.) when they returned home. This encouraged others to come out of the closet, clarify aspects of their behavior and make informed choices about their personal lives and career paths. Over the nineteen-year history of this event the Fair has adhered to its guiding principles of experience and awareness about changing perception of gender. The Fair also provided a holiday of social learning for all. Thousands of members of the paraculture have come through the portals to learn to enjoy the wide variety of programs during the third week in October each year.

In 1983 the ideas of Fan/Fair were offered to four other targeted areas in the country. Of the four mini-Fairs programmed, only one has survived, the Be All You Want to Be Weekend. The Be All is a joint venture sponsored by four social contact clubs in the midwest of the USA. 1993 was the tenth anniversary of this program of joint cooperation between the four groups in the community that bring the programming ideas of Fantasia Fair to other parts of the country.

From 1978 to the present, the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies represented and voiced the concerns of CDs, CGs and TSs at national and regional events for three important professional organizations: the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS), the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) and the Association for Humanistic Psychology (AHP). At each of these annual gatherings we would present papers focused on the social and psychological aspects of CD/CG behaviors. Helping professionals attending these meetings would hear about the directions of the paraculture. This was the start of modifying some ingrained attitudes and archaic information about this field of knowledge.

In 1982 we were invited to present a day-long program on CD/CG behaviors and options for personal

growth at the first joint meeting of SSSS and AASECT. We asked some of the most respected and interested sexologists to co-present with us. Over 150 people at the conference came to this presentation. This opened a path for more studies and information about these behaviors. A side effect of this program was an invitation to develop future programs and plans for these and other professional organizations. We made presentations at HBIGDA, AHP, the American Society for Criminal Justice Education, the International Platform Association, the Institute for Advanced Studies in Human Sexuality and the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation. The '80s were certainly a turning point for cooperative efforts to educate professionals about the CD/CG paraculture.

As the '80s move into the '90s, we must consider the gains made in the areas of sex education, sexology and the post social organization. From the previous discussion it is clear that the main thrust to both CDs and CGs is in the development of social contact clubs. Within the past decade the number of clubs has doubled and perhaps tripled. There is a real need to inform new groups of the rich heritage of the past

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Fantasia Fair 1974 1994 20th Anniversary

decades and how these clubs can go forward in their local communities to provide peer education and general information. Clubs can make presentations to interested social and professional organizations in their area. For example, a group might approach a local Planned Parenthood chapter and offer to speak on CD/CG issues for parents and adolescents. The Congress of Transgender Organizations is already in place to provide information linkages between local groups. Someone from the larger institutions could provide guidance and support to the younger clubs in setting up such events. The IFGE should be a strong backup resource for such educational programming.

The local social contact club should establish liaisons with other helping and hotline agencies to exchange information and resources. Where possible, referral services for emergency situations should be provided. The group can play a major role in helping the local area develop programs that benefit the entire community work through some of its problems, e.g., homelessness, food distribution programs, AIDS assistance, etc. The club could hold an Annual Open House and invite community leaders to meet and exchange ideas and information on an informal basis. This would go far towards dispelling the myths surrounding CD/CG behaviors. It would give people unfamiliar with the paraculture an opportunity to meet and learn something about people whose gender expression is different but no less valid than theirs.

We need to make CD/CG resources available to all inquirers. Annotated bibliographies should be handed out at all presentations. We should encourage libraries to purchase books about CD/CG behaviors, biographies and lifestyles. Perhaps the clubs could set aside money to donate titles to the libraries.

In the '70s and '80s making public video appearances had two important functions. First, informed presenters could reach a potential audience of millions that knew little about this aconventional behavior and its diverse elements. Second, it served as a means of communication with many members of the paraculture who wanted desperately to make social contact with others. It was and still is important that the talk show have a display with an organizational name and mailing address.

We do need to exercise some restraint to keep tangential issues from overshadowing the basic information about these behaviors. In the '90s, some of these televised presentations have become modified freak shows. Further, the outrageousness of some programs has become a means for some producers to inflate their ratings to attract more advertising to the program. The people invited onto these shows are not paid for their appearance. They are being used for the financial gain of the networks. In my opinion, this form of public education has outlived its usefulness. The overall educational value of these shows is low and tends to detract from the efforts of others who have worked tirelessly to provide a basis for fuller understanding of these behaviors.

For the balance of this decade we need to create and produce our own videos that address the salient issues confronting the CD/CG paraculture.

These videos should be factual and provide the viewer with solid information and available resources for further study. They should be targeted for specific interest groups, e.g., social workers, spouses and partners, law enforcement training centers, closeted CDs and TSs, etc. They should be widely distributed to vending agencies, and available through resources like IFGE, Focus International and the AASECT and the SIECUS libraries.

Another area to develop is with paraculture professionals and their counterparts in the fields of law and civil rights, medicine, psychology, sociology and education. Some of this has started to happen in the areas of medicine, law and psychology. More of this will occur only if the leadership of the paraculture extend themselves to other colleagues in their fields. This can destroy old mythology about these behaviors and overturn some *Jurassic Park* attitudes and outmoded perceptions. Through such mechanisms as the TransGender Law Conference, annual meetings of state bar associations, sociological and psychological groups' meetings, relevant issues can be presented and discussed. Doing mini-training workshops at these meetings can dispel some of the non-useful clinical work that still colors attitudes and intervention programs.

A special concern of this writer is about the availability and quality of paraculture leadership. In the '60s, '70s and '80s there were relatively few leaders doing lots of outreach, plowing through the complexity of gender role and presentation, both to helping professionals and to the paraculture itself. Many of these leaders were "humanistic-pioneer entrepreneurs" trying to educate all who would be interested in the issues associated with this phenomenon. While they were doing this, they also were trying to grow personally in a preferred gender role and lifestyle. Some tackled their leadership role while still working at a full time job and supporting a family. Others devoted full time to creating social and educational organizations, setting the tone for the needs and directions of the '90s. These leaders need to be fully acknowledged for their invaluable contributions to the educational and social frontiers of gender issues. Some recognition has occurred in recent years, but it has been tokenism fraught with envy and jealousy from some members of the paraculture. It is scandalous and certainly not in the our best interests to castigate, criticize *ad hominem* or discredit their tireless efforts. The new and emerging leadership should seek out the "elder statespersons" for counsel and advice and whatever wisdom they can impart. They are part of our legacy in the contribution and educational impact on our entire culture. They are a rich asset of the paraculture, and provide a continuity which will prevent our repeating the mistakes of the past.

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Androgyny In Recent Academic History

by Marisa Richmond, PhD

At the most recent Southern Comfort convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in her keynote address, Naomi Owen mentioned a number of motion pictures that have been released in recent years that have topics related to the transgender community. She suggested this shows an increasing acceptance within society for our community. I believe the same thing is happening within the ivory tower of academia. I recently attended the 108th annual meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA) in San Francisco, California. The program included two papers in separate sessions dealing with the subject in a serious, scholarly manner.

The first relevant session, "Masculinity, Honor and Class in Europe in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries," had three papers whose Common theme was dueling, a criterion for determining honor among "gentlemen" in early modern Europe. At that time, dueling had clear class connotations as it was used by aristocrats as a way of determining a person's moral righteousness as opposed to pure physical superiority as determined by pugilism which was more popular among the lower classes. The first two papers covered Italy and Germany, but it was the third paper, about a French nobleman, that I was most curious to hear. It was titled "Masculinity and Honor in the Case of the Chevalier/Chevelière d'Eon," and it was delivered by Gary Kates, a Professor of French History at Trinity College in San Antonio. This paper is part of a larger biographical study Gates is writing on the Chevalier whose name was once synonymous with crossdressing. German sexologist Havelock Ellis used the term "Eonism" in his writings in the 1890s before Magnus Hirschfeld coined the term "Transvestism" in 1910.

The Chevalier was born Marcel Cadeac in France in 1728 and, as an aristocrat, lived a life of leisure. He served King and country by fighting in the Seven Years War (1756-1763) against Britain and helped write the Treaty of Paris which ended that war. He later served as France's Ambassador to Britain. In 1770, rumors began to spread that the Chevalier was actually a woman masquerading herself as a man. For the next seven years, the Chevalier denied the rumors and challenged anyone who believed them to a duel. Not surprisingly, he found no takers since it was unchivalrous to fight a woman. Finally, in 1777, when he was 49 years old, the Chevalier decided to begin living full-time as a woman. For the next 33 years until his death in 1810, the Chevalier lived as a woman although he continued to act like many aristocratic males of the day. He performed fencing exhibitions, offered to lead a battalion of Amazons to aid the American rebels fighting the British in the 1770s, and made a similar offer in 1793 during the height of the French Revolution. His correct anatomical sex was discovered only after his death.

What makes Gates' study of the Chevalier so interesting is that unlike other biographers, he attempted to find a rationale for the Chevalier's willingness to live as a woman. Gates believes that the Chevalier was a theorist of transgendered behavior and developed what Gates calls a "Politics of Androgyny." Using the Chevalier's own diaries and correspondence in the University of Leeds in England, Gates has attempted to understand the Chevalier's thinking and motivations. Gates maintains that the key was the Chevalier's conversion to born again Christianity in 1778. He seemed to believe that there was a certain moral superiority to women imbued in them by their Creator that the male of the species lacked. "God created man and woman, the one for doing good, the other for doing bad. So long as a man is a man, the earth is his; so long as a woman is a woman, virtue is hers. There is no man without sin; for every man is a liar says Scripture." By living as a woman, the Chevalier believed that he could achieve a more virtuous state that would make him more acceptable in the eyes of his God.

The second relevant paper I heard was "Priests of the Goddess: Gender Transgression in the Ancient World," by Will Roscoe of the Institute for Research on Women and Gender at Stanford University. Many of you may already be familiar with a couple of Roscoe's books, *Living the Spirit: A Gay American Indian Anthology* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1988), the most comprehensive study of Native American "berdaches," and *The Zuni Man-Woman* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1990), a biography of We'wha, a Zuni "Lhamana," the Zuni word for crossdresser. Roscoe's paper was included in a session called "Warriors, Citizens, and Priests: Social Constructions of Homosexuality in the Ancient World," which was cosponsored by the Committee on Lesbian and Gay History.

Roscoe's study concentrated on three Asian religious sects whose priests crossdressed and practiced self-castration: the Galli, priests of the Phrygian Goddess Cybele; the Gala, Kurgurrû, and Assinnu, servants of Inanna or Ishtar in Ancient Mesopotamia; and the Hijras, servants of various Mother Goddesses in modern day India. While physiologically they are "neither men nor women," they dress as women and perform duties that are generally considered female duties. In virtually all these cases, they serve their Goddess at weddings and childbirths, rites associated with female fertility. The practice of castration in these specific examples allows them to serve their Goddesses better since it empties them of all male desires.

In recent years, Sharon Ullman, who is now a professor of history at Bryn Mawr College, has delivered papers at meetings of both the AHA and the Organization of American Historians (OAH) on the popularity of female impersonation in turn-of-the-century

vaudeville. In addition, many of you have undoubtedly read *Vested Interests; Cross-Dressing and Cultural Anxiety* (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1992) by Marjorie Garber, Professor of English at Harvard University. This is a study of transgendered imagery in popular culture like theater, film, television, and music videos. The annual meeting of OAH this April in Atlanta includes a session called "The Body Beautiful: Tattoos and Transvestites," featuring papers by Jesse Battan of Cal State, Fullerton and Thomas Bolze of SUNY at Buffalo. Finally, the January 1995 meeting of the AHA was scheduled for Cincinnati, but the organization recently voted to move the meeting to an alternate site to protest that city's recent vote to permit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. I was not even aware the vote was scheduled, but I am pleased that my segment of the academic community has taken this stance against bigotry and intolerance.

While there is still some resistance on the part of some of my older colleagues steeped in more traditional topics of study and views of gender, the field is opening up as a feature of all of our societies, and is no longer being handled solely by psychologists or anthropologists of "primitive" cultures. Transgendered behavior is now considered a legitimate field of study within the context of social and cultural history.

We of academia are finding acceptance from our own colleagues. This makes it easier to begin passing on attitudes of tolerance and acceptance to our students who will be the leaders of tomorrow's society. From this I believe that eventually all of us who live some sort of transgendered life will benefit from this increased enlightenment.

Choosing Avalon

by Charliss Dolge

There are two books that merit the attention of transgendered people. One is *The Mists of Avalon,* by Marion Zimmer Bradley. This is a retelling of the Arthurian legend from the perspective of the women of the legend.

Avalon is an island, kept secure from the negative influences of the world by the mists that surround it. The beauty of Avalon and its community of women can be revealed and appreciated only by the women whose spiritual vision enables them to part the mists that conceal it from the rest of the world. What is significant about Avalon, and the nature of those able to come and go from it, is that it represents eternal truth, unchanging in the midst of turmoil and discord in the world which surrounds it.

The second book which longs to speak to us is *A Return to Love,* written by Marianne Williamson. Like Avalon, Love is ancient and timeless, the real source and motivator that sets in motion all things longed for, but mistakenly sought out in the very place where they cannot be found—the world of turmoil and discord which has been set in motion by Love's opposite which is fear.

Can we look turmoil and discord directly in the eye, admit to it? That is the first step. Are we willing to allow for the possibility of an alternative to this? That we can choose to do. Next we will need some assistance, some guidance and direction from a source that is not committed to or in allegiance with the world of turmoil and discord. As we become receptive to *this kind of help* coming into our lives, we will choose Avalon, and eventually we, too, may learn how to part the mists.

We may be truly free to live in the world as we are as individuals and not as others would have us be, which is more like them. Wherever we are, Avalon will be there. It will be within us, and therefore anyone who stands before us will also have the opportunity to be free. For, what we choose for ourselves, Avalon, is what we will have to offer others.

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WARNING: Philip Salem Is Back !

by Kymberleigh Richards

There is one name connected with the gender community that I had hoped I would never need to mention again. It is the name of an individual who has caused much pain, fear and paranoia to our community in the past. Many in our community, including JoAnn Roberts, Dallas Denny, and myself have spent a great deal of time and effort trying to keep this individual from preying on unsuspecting members of our community, many of whom have no idea what kind of bad news this individual is.

That individual goes by the name of Philip Salem.

Philip Salem is not his real name. Neither are any of the aliases he has used in the past. In fact, no one seems to know **what** his real name is. What we do know is that every time he surfaces, people get hurt and people get taken.

He is, to put it bluntly, a con man.

I first became aware of this individual in the fall of 1989, shortly after *Cross-Talk*, then a small newsletter serving the membership of the now-defunct social organization The Valley Girls, received a letter from Salem addressed to me under my former name of Kevin, starting with the phrase "I received your letter today." **No letter had been sent by me; I had never heard of the man before then!**

His letter made such statements as, "I will never understand why transvestites go through . . . shaving, electrolysis, and wearing heels," and, "I accept this as a personality disorder." He then advised me and my readers to "get yourself a sexual partner and enjoy life," and requested that I place two personal ads for him in our newsletter (which I refused to do, as we had no such service available then). Salem claimed at that time to have 300,000 to 400,000 contacts in the gender community, but in the same paragraph he referred to the "fake *(sic)* and phoniness of the TV/TS world." He then asked for us to put him up for two days in Pasadena so that he could meet with the "about 40 female admirers" he had in the Los Angeles area. The letter ended, "You will burn out too because you will not make any money. You have to be filthy rich like myself and do it for fun."

I reported the receipt of the letter—including its obvious contradictions—in *Cross-Talk* #12 (February 1990), and the response was immediate and overwhelming. Not from Salem . . . from our readers!

The next month, I reported that Merissa Sherrill Lynn, executive director if IFGE, had told me by telephone that "Salem" was an alias and that he was not a doctor, as he had claimed. She said IFGE was considering filing blackmail charges against him, if they could find out his real name to file and serve him under. Lynn also said that Salem owed IFGE money for copies of *Tapestry* that had been shipped to him, and that he had been selling the magazine at an inflated cover price.

Several of our readers had called to relate their tales of dealings with Salem and his "North American TV/TS Contact Service." None of the tales were complimentary, and none had a happy ending. One reader sent a photocopy of a letter she had sent to "Ina Rubin" along with $125 for membership in the "contact service" and for a "membership directory." No such directory ever arrived, and the reader has since dropped out of our community.

Meanwhile, another letter arrived, obviously typed on the same typewriter, but signed "Tanya Ray," advertising a "Wardrobe Consultation Service" for $100 per day plus travel expenses. (JoAnn Roberts of Renaissance in Philadelphia, PA, later confirmed "Ina Rubin" and "Tanya Ray" as Salem aliases.)

Tania Volen, publisher of *The Transvestian* and *Femanine,* said she had removed Salem's ads from her newspapers, but did not elaborate at the time.

The saga continued in our April 1990 issue, as additional allegations surfaced. Bobbie Starr, who published the *TV-TS Journal* at that time, shared a photocopy of a letter she had received from Salem that started, "You should be on hormones," and requested $25 for membership and the directory. In that letter, Salem claimed, " . . . about 50 TVs and TSs in the Los Angeles basin" as members. Debra Darling of The Emerald City in Seattle, Washington sent a letter stating in no uncertain terms that Salem was **not** a doctor, and confirming the "Ina Rubin" alias.

By May, we had received a report from Vickie Stone at *LIFElines* on Long Island in New York State that one of her members had sent Salem $25 for a directory in December **1988** and had not received a reply

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six months later. Vickie had the member send us photocopies of her correspondence with Salem (one-sided; he never replied), and her complaint filed with the Postal Inspector against Salem. Salem's response to the postal authorities, dated September 10, identified the complainant as a **transvestite** who wanted to meet other individuals interested in **crossdressing** (both terms underlined in the letter). The member subsequently received a 1987 issue of *Tapestry,* an issue of a little-known publication, *Transitor,* and three back issues of Tania Volen's newspapers.

WARNING: The author of this article has determined that Philip Salem aka "whatever" may be harmful to your purse. Contact with the above may prove hazardous to your confidentiality.

What I said then still holds, "Anyone who would reveal someone's connection with our community as retaliation for filing a complaint with the authorities for lack of delivery on a mail order, cannot and should not be trusted."

But the mailbox continued to fill here with Salem paraphernalia. Cynthia Howard of the Gender Alternatives League sent a copy of an interview with Salem in *Tapestry* #46 in which Salem said he had moved to Seattle in 1977 to take over Cathy Slavik's Empathy Press. (Slavik, contacted by telephone, said Salem worked for her only briefly and that she fired him for thievery of merchandise.)

Subsequently, Merissa Sherrill Lynn issued a very strongly worded statement in a later issue of *Tapestry* after receiving "many letters, phone calls and personal comments . . . mostly negative," following publication of the interview supporting Salem's work with segments of the gender community that were not being served otherwise. While Lynn urged caution and advised that no one give Salem their name, address, or phone, she said she did not believe Salem was "a sex merchant [or] exploiter."

Shortly after *Cross-Talk* published the report of Salem's response to the Postal Inspector, *Tapestry* quietly dropped all references to him from future issues.

Meanwhile, Tania Volen began accusing me of having a "personal vendetta" against Salem, and demanded that I release any and all documentation for public viewing. I declined to do so, since the documentation contained the real names of some people who had not given permission for release of that information. Volen subsequently published a "Tanya Ray" ad, despite concurrent correspondence to me confirming that she was no longer doing any business with Salem's organization.

In November, I cancelled a reciprocal advertising agreement with Volen's publications after advising Volen why I was unable to comply with her demand. Volen has not responded to this day.

Meanwhile, Salem found a new outlet for his mischief . . . a "contact" magazine called *T.V. Guy,* based in Las Vegas, Nevada containing two "advice" columns written by "Dr. Salem the Transvestite Shrink," an ad for his "North American Transvestite-Transsexual Society" featuring "Tanya Ray" as "screening coordinator," and 14 personal ads using Salem's Seattle address. As the magazine had what could be termed sexually explicit content, and had been mailed to our P.O. Box without request and without the required warning labels, I began taking legal action against the publishers in January of 1991. This ultimately resulted in the issuance of a Prohibitory Order against the publishers.

Meanwhile, a second issue of *T.V. Guy* arrived, containing more "advice" from "The Kinky Shrink: Dr. Philip Salem," 24 personals referring to Salem's organization, "Transsexual of the Month" and "Transvestite of the Month" features (members of NATTS, naturally), and a two-page spread of the photos of Society "Members" . . . two of which were of Danielle Alexis, publisher of *Crossdressers' Quarterly.* (To this day, no one is sure how Salem got her pictures. Danielle says she's never had even an accidental encounter with him.)

In May, approximately two weeks after the Prohibitory Order was filed, I received a letter of apology from the publishers of *T.V. Guy,* which I responded to with a letter outlining Salem's past activities and urging them to discontinue their association with him. While they never responded, in October of 1992, I had a conversation with one of *T.V. Guy's* retailers, who told me that he was apparently no longer appearing there.

While my one-sided conversation with *T.V. Guy* continued, Dallas Denny of AEGIS forwarded a copy of a letter Salem sent to a New York area crossdresser, claiming 30,000 members nationwide in his organization. (Note the huge discrepancy in claimed membership numbers from less than three years previously!)

We heard no more about Salem until October of 1992, when I received a letter—with by-now familiar handwriting on the envelope—from "Soraya" of the New Woman Surgical Center, requesting advertising rate information for *Cross-Talk* and inquiring as to the percentage of transsexual readership. Since Dallas Denny had already alerted us that the infamous John "Butcher" Brown was operating the Center in Tijuana under a pseudonym *(Cross-Talk* #39, January 1993), and since JoAnn Roberts had already identified "Soraya" as a Salem alias, I wrote back a terse letter to Salem advising him that we were all on to him. He disappeared completely . . . or so we thought.

In a recent issue of the Monarch Social Club's newsletter *MiSs C's Musings,* there was a short notice of a "national TV/TS leather club" forming. According to the notice, which originally appeared in issue #50 of *The Leather Journal,* the "North American Transvestite/Transsexual Leather Club," claiming 300 members and expecting to have 1,000 by 1996 (amazing how the figures keep spiraling downward), gave as its contact one Philip Salem of Seattle, Washington.

I have had more than enough of this man. I will even be presumptuous and say that the entire gender community has had enough of this man.

Philip Salem, as far as any of us have heard, has never received one word of support or praise from anyone in our community. At no time since I started keeping track of him four years ago has anyone stepped forward to offer a story of how Salem helped them. All I have ever heard are stories of how Salem has ripped off unsuspecting people, how he has taken photos sent to him in good faith and used them to lure more unsuspecting victims into his confidence.

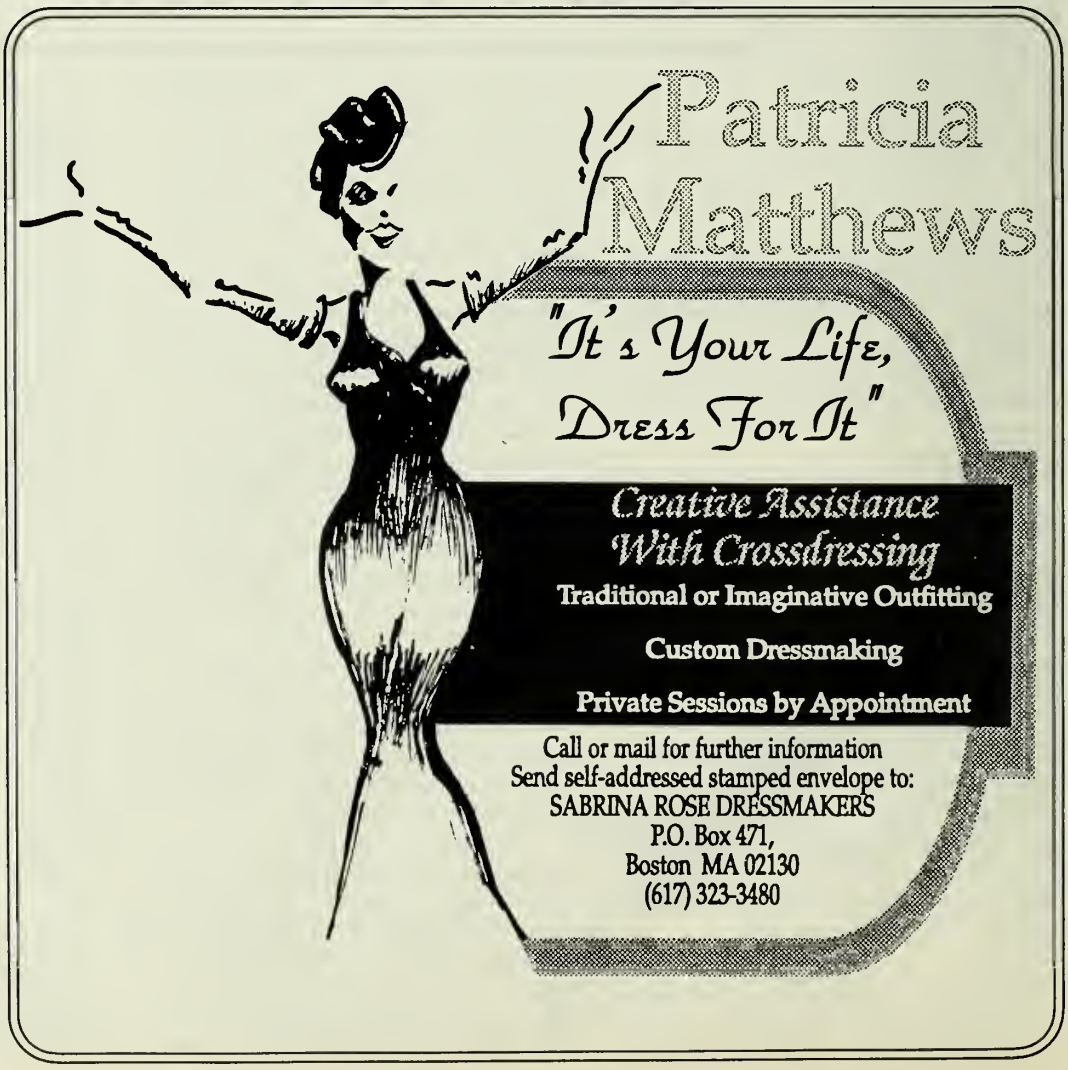
He has more aliases than a crossdresser, more stories than someone covering for their attendance at a convention, more lies than Jon Lovitz's character Tommy Finegan.

The only reason none of us has ever taken legal action against him is that—like any successful con man—he has always eluded us as far as discovering his true identity. I would have no reservations in taking him on, as I have nothing to hide, but I can't because I've never been taken in by him.

It is my hope that by publicizing Salem's activities, we as a community can rally and gather enough information to make him go away, once and for all. Everything I've written in this column can be substantiated by documentation in my files, but I have little or nothing prior to 1989, and I'm sure there are also a lot of stories in the present that I'm not aware of. So, while I can continue to gather the information on our community's behalf, I need the help and support of our community to finally **do something** about Philip Salem.

Please send anything you may have to me here at *Cross-Talk,* P.O. Box 944, Woodland Hills CA 91365. You have my personal assurance that your identity will be kept confidential and that any contact by authorities—if we are successful enough to be able to begin working with them—will be through me.

On behalf of those who may be Salem's future targets, thank you in advance for your support.



Gender Blues

by Shelly Blue

I was born on Ground Hog Day 1953. My dad borrowed $100 from his boss to pay for me, so you might say my life was started on credit. My memories began almost immediately. I remember learning to grab the sides of my crib and pull myself up. Thus I learned to stand. I would run from one end to the other holding on to the top rail. Quickly learning to walk at what my mom said was 8 months. I remember crawling out of the crib and my mother putting me back in. My aunt Carolyn said to my mom, "He doesn't want to stay in there, does he?"

Bits and pieces are all I remember for the next couple of years.

At three I recall getting under the sheets and putting on my mom's bra and thinking how cool it would be when mine started to grow. I really liked lipstick, and would put on my cousin's dresses. I wondered why I had none of my own. I figured we were just poor. When I was four I learned the difference between boys and girls. To say the least I was disappointed to find this out. I was not what I wished to be. Shortly afterwards I learned I was not supposed to like girl things, but I did. I got teased when I put on dresses or lipstick, so I started to do it in secret. There was a lot or hiding from then on. I didn't know what was wrong with me.

When I was seven I had a bride doll that I loved very much, given to me by my cousin. When the other kids found out about it they began to tease me, so I threw it away. I cried for a long time about that and am still sad when I think about it.

We lived with my grandparents for a while through this time in a big farm house. There was a room at the back of the house where all the dirty clothes were kept. I would spend a lot of time in there dressing up. I'd learned to love high heels by this time, and had a pair my grandma had thrown away hidden behind something in the room with all the clothes. I never understood any of this, but I guess no one like us ever does at this age.

I was being denied something precious to me and I didn't realize just how precious. A whole side of my personality was being suppressed. I developed a strong defense against letting it show. In a small town you don't want to show any weakness with the other kids or you would be teased unmercifully and wind up fighting all the time. I was not a fighter.

I always had a lot of girl friends who would let me play with their things, not necessarily dress up in their clothes, but play with their dolls and things like that. I also enjoyed sports and the things boys did too, so you might say I had a very rounded childhood.

At ten I got my first guitar and immediately immersed myself in music. I would spend nearly all my time practicing in my room, which was really a large closet with a window at the back of the house.

I knew that I wanted to make music my life. I was driven passionately by the desire to become a good guitar player. As it turned out, in a couple of years I was actually pretty good. My cousin David was helpful to me because he had been playing for a few years longer. We would learn Ventures songs from tablatures. To this day I still do a mean version of "Walk, don't Run."

I enjoyed picking out Chet Atkins and Beatles licks, but for some reason I was drawn to blues music in a big way. There was something in the way it felt that hit close to home. When I first heard B. B. King I was lost forever in the blues. The man drove me crazy. Another one who caught me was Johnny Winter. He had a style which brought all the elements together, from rock to blues to country to all of it.

I started playing in bands at about age twelve and soon was earning a little money. The first job we played was at a sock hop. The band made $6. After we paid for renting an amplifier, we made 75¢ apiece. We were happy just to play. The following week we were asked back and made nearly $3 apiece. We rented two amps, with reverbs. Psychedelic! At 16 I had a band called August Heat which was quite good. Sometimes we would make as much as $25 apiece. We even opened for Billy Jo Royal at the Cobb County fairgrounds big show and dance. We were asked to sign autographs, of which I didn't even know I had one till then. We felt like stars.

The following months drugs began to show up and everyone went crazy. The band broke up and we went our separate ways except for a few who started another group which did nothing.

I was getting much better and joined another band called Scandal and started playing lead guitar. They were older and more into drinking. But, they were serious musicians and made good money sometimes.

We played in bars and opened for acts like Lobo, you know, "A Dog Named Boo." This band began to change as everyone got older and began to graduate from college. We started playing more original music as I began writing songs. I was 17 and was pretty good at it. I told the group about my crossdressing at one point and no one seemed upset. In fact, one of the members said he did the same thing.

My dressing had slowed a bit during the testosterone years of puberty, but was beginning to come back in a big way. I had gotten some makeup and a few articles of clothing from a girlfriend. I would sometimes spend the night at her parents' house, and they would make me sleep in her room where all those magical things were. Man, would I have a good time! She had four sisters and they would all give her the things they didn't want anymore. Sometimes I would be quietly trying on everything I could find. I was totally caught up in that gender euphoria. A couple of times she allowed me to wear lipstick or some article of clothing while we made love. Hog Heaven!

We broke up when the band turned into a truly professional organization. We opened for Iron Butterfly once and embarrassed the hell out of them. They were real friendly before we went on, but wouldn't talk to us afterwards. We almost had a recording contract, but the producer died from natural causes. It's natural to die after being shot six times in the head with a .38. His secretary returned our tapes.

The band changed and started doing Las Vegas style floor shows. We were good, but I hated the disco music we were playing. After we were on the road for about a year, I couldn't stand it anymore. Mostly it was a lot of boring towns with a lot of boring clubs. I left the band in March of 1976 and could either go to Vegas and play clubs, or come home. Initially, Las Vegas won out, but at the last minute I turned into a salmon and started swimming upstream towards home.

The prodigal son returned as a Mother's Day gift. For the next few months I put my head in a tape recorder to work on my music. I got a new girlfriend. She was an obliging beautiful goddess I was madly in love with. When I told her about my transgenderism, she wanted to see. We were down in Chattahoochee in a park that night, and we just started swapping clothes. I felt primal, completely given over to my animal instincts. We made love for hours and hours next to the river under that beautiful Georgia sky. After that, we would rent motel rooms and she would bring all those wonderful girl things and dress me up.

She told me once how good smooth legs felt against nice clean sheets and suggested I try it. It didn't take me long. For the first time I was smooth and I loved it. Boy was she right, but the sheets were nothing like the feel of my smooth legs against hers. Then she went off to college and that was that.

I started a band with some old friends from school just to keep my chops up. Through the next few months I played the heaviest music I have ever played in my life. Also I had my last run-in with that mean old chemical monster, the rock wizard, the abominable snow monster. It was a blizzard for the next two months. That was enough for the rest of my life.

I quit that group and started another which was more like Peyton Place, a very social group. I didn't feel like singing very much at the time, so we auditioned a girl I had known about in high school. I didn't even know she could sing, but after my drummer kept at me I invited her to try out. It was a Friday night. The first song we did was Linda Ronstadt's "Desperado." After the first three lines I had tears in my eyes, and by the time the song was over, I was in love. It was the most beautiful thing I had ever heard. A songbird who did not just sing but painted words through that charismatic and angelic voice.

The next morning the drummer and I went to the bank and borrowed money to buy a new P.A. system. I couldn't see letting her sing through the old thing I had at the time. It was the first time in my life that I had a debt, and I have been going in debt ever since.

We immediately became very close friends, and would sit up night after night talking about anything and everything. I told her about my dressing and she had no problem with it except she felt sorry that I had to hide it. She told me of her most intimate secrets also. We became one with the universe. Within a year we were married, not just out of love, but because we felt that we would make good parents.

I broke the band up because of problems it was causing between my drummer and his wife. I cared deeply for both of them. We started playing as a duet which was different from anything I had done before. It was more direct between me and the audience. I had to become an entertainer. My voice got better, and my confidence level grew. I really learned to make people laugh.

Two years later our first child was born. It was a boy with a long name, Michael, after me, and was also named after both great-grandfathers. A big name for such a small boy. He's 14 now and plays guitar, drums and bass like a pro. A regular chip off the old block. He's all boy and into mischief all the time. A handful.

When my son was an infant, I ventured out in public for the first time dressed. I went to a gay bar I had been to a couple of years before. I felt pretty at ease. No one tried to hit on me. After that I would go out every once in a while.

Two years later, our daughter Jennifer was born. She is sweet as the flowers of spring, but still pretty shy. She has inherited her mother's voice.

Shelly just keeps on dressing. My wife and I once went out together for

Give & Take

what your partner can handle

an evening about ten years ago. We didn't really know where to go, but wound up at a bar in Buckhead which was not a gay bar. During the evening, several times I was approached by guys and asked to dance. I was flattered, but declined, not because I wouldn't have enjoyed the dance, but rather because I was nervous about being there dressed this way. My wife was a little intimidated because no one had asked her to dance. She said I was better looking than she was. She would never go out with me crossdressed again.

I continued to go out alone until one night I got into a bad scene with a guy and his wife trying to pick me up. I tried to explain that I was not gay or bi, but he was not going to give up. He became irate at one point so I told him to leave me alone. He stormed out and I left shortly after. I never went out again except for shopping or a run to the beer store after that. It's not safe to go out alone, so take my advice and do it with a friend. The dressing was left at home and mostly in the bedroom.

When I pierced my ears ten years ago my wife said I had done the first permanent thing to my body. I believe it scared her quite a bit. Where would it stop? What was next? Dressing became almost a daily thing. The legs were almost always smooth, the eyebrows were always plucked, and I always wore women's undergarments. She tried very hard to understand, but I really pushed her limits. A bit of advice from experience, do not take the feelings of your wife or lover for granted. They do not understand why we feel this way, and it could lead to problems in the relationship. Give and take what your partner can handle. Don't cram it down her throat.

I learned about Tri-Ess about nine years ago when my wife was watching tv one morning, and the Sally Jessy Raphael Show was on heterosexual crossdressers. She taped the show for me, and we watched it when I got home that night. I was blown away! I called the number on the screen and spoke with a couple in Chicago. At that time that was the closest chapter to Atlanta. I thought of joining but didn't because I figured I'd never get to Chicago. Too bad. That night was the first time my wife could talk to someone else about what she was going through. We all make mistakes. Too bad !

For many different reasons, my wife and I were separated and then divorced. I kept our son and had to learn how to be a single parent. We are still good friends and love each other very much.

In the spring of '93 I found out about the Sigma Epsilon Chapter of Tri-Ess and contacted them. They quickly sent me an information package containing some incredible stuff. Not least was a little booklet about gender euphoria. All my life I had experienced this feeling, but never knew what it was. I was so inspired by this booklet that almost immediately I composed the title track to my album. What came next was a flood of tunes of which only a few were recorded. After writing "Gender Euphoria," I went and brought all the equipment from the studio and set it up in my bedroom. I figured what the hell, there's nothing else going on in here.

I joined Sigma Epsilon and attended my first meeting in June. It was wonderful. I began doing marathons with the recorder. After I had recorded the first three songs I contacted a long-time friend in the music business and told him what I was doing. He asked to hear some of the tunes so we set up a meeting. He was impressed and told me to keep working on it. After the next three tunes were recorded he said, let's make an album. That is something I dreamed about for nearly all my life.

This album is inspired by the fellowship and life experiences I have found through my Sigma Epsilon sisters in Atlanta and from others I have met from all over the country. The love and friendship I have encountered surrounds my heart. I have heard these people tell my life over and over again. All the pain and rejection, the joys and heartaches. The bond that we all share is incredible and means so much to me.

For the first time in my life, I feel truly a part of something so wonderful that I can hardly write this without tears. The members and officers of Sigma Epsilon, Linda and Jackie Peacock, Robin Keiffer, Cathy and Rachel, Terry Murphy, Dallas Denny, have all been wonderful. I don't believe I could have made it through my divorce and all the other problems I've had this year without them. They helped me keep both my feet on the ground. I feel as if I am a better person because of them.

I dedicate this collection of songs to the people who have lived them throughout their lives, and pray that some part will touch everyone of my sisters and brothers in this grand world of Genderland. I hope we can reach out to the world and let them see the love we all share, so they all, our families, friends, enemies, everyone, may feel this human bond and understand that we are all one person under God and these beautiful blue skies of life.

From the summit of my soul,

THANK YOU
AND MAY GOD
BLESS YOU ALL

Sunday Afternoon In New York

by Lynn Elizabeth Walker,
Metropolitan Gender Network, NY
Photography by Mariette Pathy Allen

" You did what?!"
Sunday afternoon.

Locked out?
What do you mean, locked out?
What do you mean?
Did you try calling them at home?
Did you try to find the custodian?
Where did they go?
How about the neighbors?
Does the pastor live anywhere near here?
Maybe they forgot we were scheduled today?
What do we do?
We have all this food!
A park?
On a Sunday afternoon?
Didn't they have a riot in that park last year?
What park?
Couldn't we try to pick the lock or something?
Are you sure we can't get in?
A park?
Could we just cancel or postpone the meeting?
A park?

And so the conversation went one Sunday afternoon on East Thirty-fifth Street. Actually, many of us do really go out and about in the city, though many of us also tend to stay in the relative comfort of Greenwich Village. Still, even for those of us who are living full-time as women, the prospect of schlepping into a public park with maybe twenty transpeople is a bit daunting.

And they said it couldn't be done!

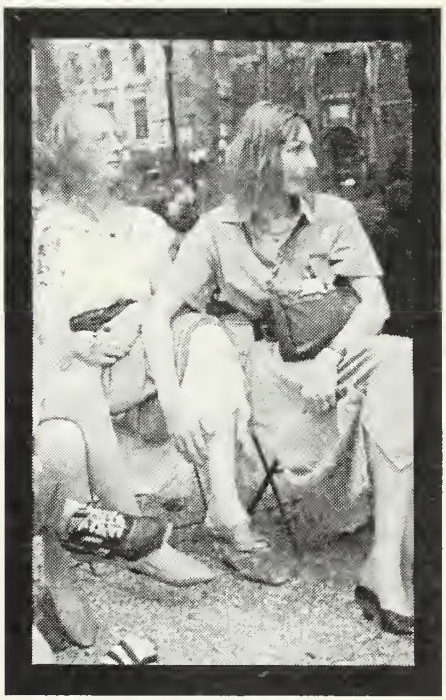
Can't? What do you mean, can't? Can't?! Who can't? This ain't Kansas Toto, it's New York! (Lesson: never tell a transperson there is something she can't do. You might be talking to someone who went topless in the Heritage of Pride Parade—or worse, you might be talking to someone who believes she can't . . .)

So there we were in Bryant Park, just west of the New York Public Library, on folding chairs, under the trees, with a wonderful breeze on a gorgeous day. It was mildly surprising, and a little amusing, that we were able to assemble a good-sized group of transpeople in the middle of Manhattan, and nobody seemed to much notice or care. Now and then someone took notice of the size of our group, and that we seemed to be having a meeting, and then came closer, and left soon after.

After we got over the initial adjustment to being out in the fresh air and sunshine, we got into a rambling discussion, enlivened by the unexpected arrival of Mariette Pathy Allen, who discussed and solicited ideas for an upcoming book. Interwoven with that discussion were ideas and random thoughts on activism, being involved, and being self-confident.

And we talked and reflected on our participation in the Heritage of Pride Parade in June. We had a good number of people in our contingent (about 18-20) and a few of our gals went topless. The conversation heated up quickly as we began to consider Metropolitan Gender Network's position with respect to activism. Should we, as an open group, emphasize our fundamental unity, or our wide diversity?

Is it "bragging" or maybe "exhibitionistic" to go topless, or does it establish and strengthen the notion that a transsexual can also be a lesbian, and that she can go topless just as do many lesbian women in the Heritage of Pride Parade? Should this be a topic for discussion in our newsletter, or on our voice bulletin board? Would a topless gender person scare away a potential new member? Should we propose a "dress code" for participants in parades? Can an organization with the wide diversity of ours reasonably expect to present a homogeneous aspect? Furthermore, should we? Part of our Mission Statement indicates our commitment to helping our members achieve freedom, confidence and self-assurance; and to support public education issues related to gender issues. Are we doing this?



And so the discussion went, with much fervor, and not a

little ire. Chances are, more of our members were uncomfortable with the discussion than were discomfited at the HOP Parade.

The ruling junta of MGN (aka the Steering Committee) has no official position on this matter—but strongly supports the rights of our members to discuss such matters. Another part of our Mission Statement commits us to interactive discussion, and when there is cross-talk, there is sometimes friction. In talking the matter through, we were able to come to a fuller understanding of the personalities and positions involved, and although no final agreement has been reached, the focus of the conversation moved to another issue.

The Canada Dry radio ad. Maybe others have heard it. It's easy to overlook the fifteen-second blot of offensive drivel, which pokes fun at "women who used to be men" in a gimmicky attempt to sell soda. A number of us noticed the ad, and we sent letters to Cadbury-Schweppes, their parent company, to protest and to insist that they withdraw it. We told them about our anger and pain, and suggested that there are a lot of transgendered people who will find their radio ad to be extremely offensive. Although we've had no responses at all from Cadbury-Schweppes, we intend to press this issue. We decided to continue to send them letters. We also decided to contact several national advocacy organizations with our concerns. Perhaps, we thought, a boycott, both of the soda and their chocolate! Perhaps, we thought, a kind of "Boston Tea Party" out in New York Harbor, dumping cases of their soda overboard, with media coverage! Perhaps, we thought, a picket line in front of their offices!

Now remember, this was not a "secret meeting" in a back room. This was out in the middle of a public park, on a Sunday afternoon, with little kids on bicycles, and people strolling around the area. And at times, we were not, we were not, quiet little girls sitting like house plants. We were on the verge of getting loud and rowdy!

New York is a fairly "open-minded" city, as cities go, but of course, there are a lot of things they could do to make our lives more liveable. We discussed at some length some ideas and initiatives that could be brought to the city government, specifically having to do with some legal restrictions on people who are in transition, and with inclusion. Just as when selling a house the three most important things are location, location and location; so with us, the three most important things are inclusion, inclusion

and inclusion. Along with lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, we need to have the same kind of protections and safeguards with respect to housing discrimination, health care, job security and so on. And so the discussion went.

There's a message in all this, right?

Visibility is okay. Disagreement is okay. Socializing in public areas is okay. Diversity is okay. Talking helps. It's good to give thought to our issues as a community, and the expectations we have of government, of businesses, other communities and of each other. We need to remember to be gentle with each other—people should not feel uncomfortable when they attend meetings. Two years ago, when we first began planning to organize this group, we probably could not have anticipated that we would ever have had a meeting quite like this.

Can't shut up a transperson.

Ordinarily, our meetings break up about 6pm, but this time, we just took a short break for a late afternoon picnic snack, and the conversation fragmented into four or five in various parts of the park. It was not until the park began to close, two hours later, that we packed up and went off on our separate ways.

In many ways, this was one of our most successful meetings. It was the first time in anyone's memory that a support group for the transgendered met for their monthly meeting in a public park. And what an exhilarating experience it was!

In retrospect . . .

Is it unrealistic to try to celebrate diversity, because there is the danger of that diversity degenerating into separatism? Is there, or can there be, a real benefit to **interactive** discussions, with lots of cross-talk, and maybe some friction? Can a diverse group perhaps develop a stronger sense of unity and solidarity this way?

Is it helpful to try to have an impact on businesses, on government, or on other communities, even if it means announcing ourselves as transgendered people? This can stretch our comfort zone just as easily as being in a public park on a warm, sunny day. What about stretching comfort zones? Is that one of the reasons we have these social and support groups, to help people to gently stretch their comfort zones? Hmmm.

For our next trick . . .

Maybe next time we'll go up to Bear Mountain State Park, about thirty miles outside the city for a cookout, or on the Circle Line yacht trip around Manhattan Island. Or maybe we could all go uptown to Bloomingdale's to shop. Or maybe Central Park for a picnic, in sun-dresses and straw hats! Or a beach party at Coney Island, or Jones Beach (those Gidget movies were just so ordinary). Then again, maybe not. We'll see. Maybe canasta, or ball-room dancing instead.

Stay tuned!

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FALL HARVEST 1993: CAMELOT

by Stephanie Leigh Vandemore

"... and they all lived happily ever after,"

Iowa Artistry officers Beverly Wayne, Anna Appleby & Stephanie Vandemore, hostesses of Fall Harvest '94

might be the ending to 'Camelot,' theme of Fall Harvest 1993, a celebration sponsored by Mid-America Gender Group Information Exchange (MAGGIE), hosted by Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends (CAF). Yes, the Camelot theme was ecstatically enjoyed by about 65 people at the four-day event in Kansas City, October 28-31. The event was attended by people from all across the United States, and a contingent from Canada. The affair was far from 'just another Halloween Party.'

The education part of the event were the four 'tracks' which included work shops covering everything from the 'New Girl' to the 'Transsexual' to 'Significant Others.' The workshops were conducted during the day on Friday and Saturday. The Professional who participated in the event was Dr. Deb-Ann Thomson, a psychotherapist from Denver, Colorado.

Thursday night's activities included a get acquainted pizza party. Everyone enjoyed meeting all the early arrivals and renewing old friendships. The evening ended with a trip to the 'Edge' nightclub where everyone enjoyed dancing and, as it turned out, a Halloween costume party sponsored by the 'Edge.'

Friday night's entertainment included a nice dinner and show. The lead event from the stage was a Fashion Show put together by Diane Burke of Wichita Transgender Alliance, Kechi, Kansas. Following the fashion show, some MAGGIE member groups presented skits and a few Fall Harvest '93 attendees presented their individual talents. The skits carried the Camelot theme to a hilarious point. It could be seen that not a lot of rehearsal time was put into the skits. The individual talents did, however, show much time had been spent in preparation.

Joyce LaFontaine of StLGF performs.

Jennifer Richards of StLGF on stage.

(Stephanie Leigh Vandemore is presently the Vice-President of Iowa Artistry. To obtain a brochure for Fall Harvest 1994, contact: Iowa Artistry, PO Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 USA.).

Miss Anna Appleby accepts Miss Fall Harvest 1993 tiara.

All of this was a prelude to the Saturday evening dinner gala. Of course, because of the Camelot theme, the stage was made to look like the entrance to a castle. The planning and construction of the staging was done by Gloria Fredericks of River City Gender Alliance (RCGA), Council Bluffs, Iowa. The event opened with Co-M.C. Miss Beverly Wayne of Iowa Artistry, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, doing her rendition of the song 'Camelot.'

The main event of the evening was the Miss Fall Harvest Pageant. The field of five competitors had to go through three rounds of preliminary competition. The first round was the 'Casual/Career Wear' display, the second round was the 'Talent' portion, and the third round was the 'Evening Gown' display.

To fill some of the time required for the judging and associated calculations, individual talents such as that of Jennifer Richards (St. Louis Gender Foundation) were used. Jennifer did her normally excellent job where she sang excitingly through the bars of 'What Do The Simple Folk Do?' from Camelot and 'Nobody does it like me!' along with an exciting dance to 'Can Can.' She really was correct in that 'NOBODY can do it like JENNIFER!'

Some additional 'fill time' was required while the competing ladies changed for the 'Evening Gown' part of the competition. During this time, the results of the voting for the '1993 MAGGIE Award' were announced. This award goes to the MAGGIE board member who has done the most for the organization during the past year. The award was presented by the previous year's co-winners, Miss Jennifer Richards and Miss Stephanie Campbell, CAF. The 1993 award winner was Miss Anna Appleby of Iowa Artistry.

Miss Fall Harvest 1993, Anna Appleby of Iowa Artistry & Miss Fall Harvest 1992, Stephanie Campbell of CAF.

Also announced during this interlude were the winners of the 1993 Fall Harvest balloting for Miss Congeniality won by Miss Beverly Wayne, Iowa Artistry; Miss Helpful won by Gloria Fredericks, RCGA; Miss Femininity won by Dinese, of Ohio; and Miss Best Dressed won by Jennifer Richards, StLGF. All were elated with their victories and humbly accepted their respective awards.

Susan Templeton, Iowa Artistry & Gloria Fredericks, RCGA.

Continuing with the Miss Fall Harvest pageant, the 'Talent' portion included a display of talent including lip-sync, jazz dance, comedy, and drum instrumental. Each competitor had the time to properly display her talents. It is apparent that the level of talent has risen over the years. The talent displays were superb!

Finally came the time for the crowning of Miss Fall Harvest 1993. The winner of the coveted tiara was Miss Anna Appleby of Iowa Artistry. Her poise and talent, and her drum instrumental, were a unique display of attributes which enthralled all in attendance. Congratulations, Anna!

Because
Fall Harvest 1993 was such a huge success,everyone is looking for-ward to 1994. Fall Harvest 1994 with the theme Over the Rainbow will be hosted by Iowa Artistry in IowaCity,Iowa,USA. The dates of the event are November 17- 20, 1994. Everyone is invited!

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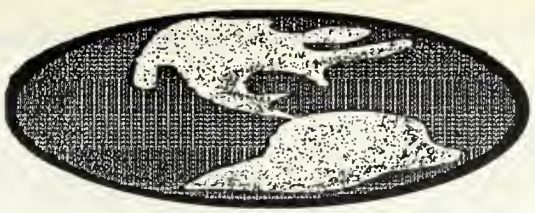

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The growing guest list of impressive gender leaders includes Gloria LaVonne, Ellen Summers, Eve Burchert, Joan Sheldon, Winnie Brant, Sharon Ann Stuart, Sara Phillips, Rachquel Shore and Kay Fisher. Jennifer Richards, St. Louis, Missouri and Fiona Morris, Portland, Oregon are co-chairs and producers of the Reunion.

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INTERNATIONAL STONEWALL BALL
June 24, 1994 New York City

The International Stonewall Ball is an official Stonewall 25 event, to be held at the Imperial Ballroom of the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel on Broadway in New York City in June of 1994. This global drag ball is part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, which is considered the turning point of the modern day gay and lesbian community. The Ball is being produced by the International Alliance of Courts and by the Imperial Court of New York. The Alliance is a 28 year old international drag organization, with over 50 chapters all over North America and Mexico. The main purpose of the Alliance is to raise money for various gay and lesbian causes and organizations. In the past 10 years, the different Imperial Courts all over North America have raised in excess of a million dollars. Most of

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HETEROSEXUALITY CALLED 'INCORRECT'

Children at a London school have been denied the chance to see the ballet Romeo and Juliet because their headmistress thinks it is a blatantly heterosexual love story. Officials on Hackney council in East London said they had summoned the headmistress, Jane Brown, for an explanation of her "politically correct" refusal of cut-price tickets for the under 11 year-old pupils at her school. Brown declined the offer, saying that until books, film and the theater reflected all forms of sexuality, she would not be involving her pupils in heterosexual culture, council officials said at a news conference. Brown has declined to comment. (Reuters)

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STONEWALL 25 *(continued)*

these efforts were towards AIDS related causes. The Imperial Court of New York is part of this proud tradition.

The International Stonewall Ball will be a formal drag event bringing the whole transgendered community together. It will be a celebration of the contribution of the transgender community in our struggle for civil rights. The Ball also hopes to present
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PRISON RAPE VIOLATED MY RIGHTS

DENVER (AP) - A lawyer representing a transsexual convict with obvious female traits goes before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday to argue that a 1989 rape in a federal prison for men amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

Elizabeth Alexander says officials at the Prison in Terre Haute, Indiana should have known her client, Dee Farmer, facingsubstantial danger of being attacked by other inmates and should have been protected.

Farmer, 27, referred to as "Mr. Farmer" by prison officials and "Ms. Farmer" by Alexander, is serving a 20-year federal sentence for credit card fraud. The rape occurred in Farmer's cell on April 1, 1989, about a week after the inmate arrived.

The Supreme Court will decide whether prison officials are legally liable for failing to protect one inmate from another under the Eighth Amendment, which forbids cruel and unusual punishment.

"Prison officials should have known that . . . confining Farmer, an overtly feminine transsexual prisoner, in the violent penitentiary environ-ment would result in her being assaulted and raped," Alexander said in a brief to the high court.

Farmer has undergone silicone breast implants and takes female hormones. Alexander said Farmer also underwent unlicensed surgery as a teenager to remove his scrotum.

"There was surgery, but it was not complete," said Alexander, who is with the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project in Washington, DC.

"The petitioner believes her Eighth Amendment rights were violated by placing her in the prison population at Terre Haute," Alexander said.

Farmer is now in a medium-security prison at Florence, Colorado, and last week declined to be interviewed about appeal.

Farmer sued federal prison officials after the rape. A federal judge in Wisconsin dismissed the lawsuit, and the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago upheld the dismissal.

The appeals court relied in part on a 1991 Supreme Court ruling that inmates who claim prison conditions violate their rights must show officials acted with "deliberate indifference." It also said Farmer must prove Prison officials had actual knowledge of a safety threat.

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HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA (AP) - A woman who posed as a man and dated women was found shot to death with two other people two weeks after residents of this rural area learned her true identity.

Two men accused of sexually assaulting Teena Brandon were arrested for investigation of murder. But authorities refused to say if the slayings were the result of the assault charges or Ms. Brandon's crossdressing double life.

Friends said Ms. Brandon, 21, had posed for two months as a man named Brandon Teena and had told various stories of having an incomplete sex-change operation or of being a hermaphrodite. "She said she felt like a man inside but she was a female outside," said Michelle Lotter, a friend of Ms. Brandon's and sister of one of the men arrested.

The bodies of Ms. Brandon, Lisa Lambert, 23, and an Iowa man whose name was not released were found Friday in a farmhouse about three miles south of Humboldt, a southeast Nebraska town of 1,000 residents.

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PHILIP SALEM RETURNS

A warning has been issued to the members of the gender community about the resurfacing of well-known con man "Philip Salem" by Kymberleigh Richards, publisher and managing editor of *Cross-Talk* magazine. The warning, which appears in the January 1994 issue of the magazine, includes a brief history of "Salem's" activities over the past five years, and includes a call for further information from those who may have had contact with him in the past. It also includes a list of additional aliases that "Salem" has used to convince unsuspecting newcomers to the gender community that he operates a "contact service" with thousands of members nationwide.

The article is also being circulated to gender community organizations worldwide with a request to reprint it. Other national magazines that have agreed to include it in future issues include *Tapestry, LadyLike,* and *Chrysalis Quarterly.*

Richards, who forced "Salem" underground a year ago after he aligned himself with the dubious "New Woman Surgical Center" in Tijuana, Mexico, was alerted to his resurfacing by an article in *The Leather Journal,* reprinted in the newsletter of a Canadian gender community organization.

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NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LIBRARY FORMED AT AEGIS IN GEORGIA

AEGIS has announced the formation of The National Transgender Library and Archive, which will serve as a repository for books, articles, journals, magazines, newspaper clippings, videotapes, and films about crossdressing, transgenderism, and transsexualism. Dallas Denny, AEGIS' Executive Director, has placed her extensive personal collection on indefinite loan to the library. Additional material will be acquired by
purchase and by donations of transgender-related material. "My personal materials provide a core of hundreds of books and journal articles upon which to build," Denny said. We have established an Acquisition Fund which will be used to purchase additional materials. Our first priority will be to obtain copies of material of historical importance."

Library holdings will be catalogued and housed for easy retrieval. Materials will be made accessible to researchers and the general public. "The library will initially be housed in a vacant room at AEGIS headquarters at 1898 Chisholm Court," Denny said, but we plan to seek funding for a location which can also serve as a walk-in center. However, we are also considering housing the collection at a university library."

For three years, Denny has been compiling a bibliography of gender dysphoria which is currently in press at Garland Publications. "The bibliography contains thousands of listings for books and articles," she said. "It's the perfect complement to the library. We can consult it to locate references which we can then retrieve from the stacks. It's all very exciting. We are starting with a wealth of material, and should soon have one of the largest collections in existence—and one which, unlike private collections, is available to everyone and will be available in perpetuity."

AEGIS is soliciting donations of unwanted books, magazines, and other materials, as well as financial contributions for the acquisitions fund and contributions to purchase the bookshelves and filing cabinets needed to house the materials.

Denny said, "We would like to particularly call upon other transgender Organizations to place us on their mailing lists and send us back copies of their newsletters and other publications. This is an exciting time in the history for transgendered persons, and we would like to preserve it in our archives. If we are already on your mailing list, you can write or call us to see which issues we already have."

An initial holdings list will available by the end of 1993, The National Transgender Library and Archive will open to the public after January 1, 1994.

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Panelists will be Niela Miller, MS, LCSW, a counselor and therapist in the transgendered community; David Seil, MD, a practicing psychiatrist; Nancy Strapko, PhD, a practicing gender specialist and Sheila Kirk, MD, a physician who gives information about gender medical treatment to both the health care professional and the transgendered person. All are from New England.

The focus will be to give information about theories of cause, *DSM III-R* classification, problems in diagnosis and various psychologic and medical regimens.

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CAROL BEECROFT COLLECTING GENDER PERIODICALS FOR LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY

Carol Beecroft at Tri-Ess is collecting and cataloguing gender community newsletters and magazines for a major university in Los Angeles. In particular, she asks that all crossdressing organizations send her copies of their newsletter or magazine. She will then organize the material and donate it to the college. The public needs to know what is happening in the gender community. Having all the information in one place, easily accessible, makes that knowledge more available.

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SOCIETY PROVIDES FINANCIAL GRANTS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Boulton & Park Society Board of Directors approved financial grants to the International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment policy (ICTLEP) and to Dr. George Brown in the amount of $500 each.

The Board views the success of the Transgender Law Conference conference as very important to the interests of the entire transgender community. Establishment of legal rights and freedom from discrimination is an important pursuit for any minority or *suspect class* (the legal term) of persons. In addition to providing the grant, we are also providing other assistance to the extent that our resources allow (people power is the most valuable *and limited* resource we have). We do hope that other people in the community will follow the lead of IFGE, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, and Boulton & Park Society in contributing whatever resources they can to the effort. In this decade, we hope to see the concerns of the transgender community evolve from those of *the closet* to those of open societal integration. We know this is a difficult task, but it is a first step.

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Dr. George Brown has had a tremendous impact on establishing an accurate body of knowledge about transgender behavior and spouse and partners of transgendered persons through his research. One of Dr. Brown's early studies of transgendered military personnel resulted in his paper, "Flight into Hypermasculinity." Sharon Ann Stuart (a member of Boulton & Park) initiated a project concerning military law under the auspices of ICTLEP. Dr. Brown volunteered to assist in the data collection and analysis portion of the project. With this new data, he hopes to add more knowledge concerning behavior characteristics and personality types of transgendered persons, particularly those who enter the military service. "Flight into Hypermasculinity II" is the goal of Dr. Brown's portion of the project.

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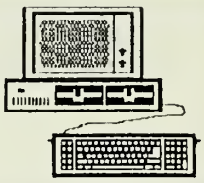

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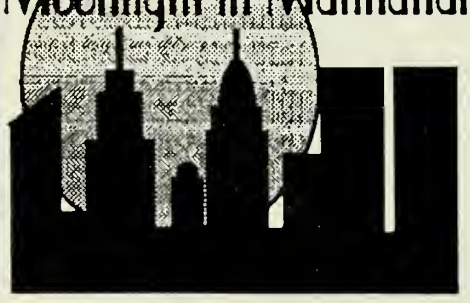

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A history of secretly dressing in women's clothes does not make a man a poor father or a threat to his son, the Montana Supreme Court has ruled.

The unanimous decision overturned a lower-court order in a divorce case that gave the man's wife sole custody of the couple's child and allowed only limited supervised visits by the husband.

The justices in Thursday's ruling said District Judge Thomas McKittrick based his decision on his own unfounded fears and disregarded testimony of at least four experts.

The Great Falls case was sent back to McKittrick with orders to give the couple joint custody of the young child.

The couple, identified only by initials, had been married about three years when they separated in 1991. At the time of the custody trial the wife was 31 years old and the husband 34.

The woman wanted sole custody and restricted visitation by her husband because he had dressed in women's clothes in the past. She claimed such conduct is a form of sexual deviation that would harm the couple's son.

The wife said she had never seen her husband dressed in women's clothes during their marriage. He admitted to the practice after she found some of the clothing he had worn and then stored throughout the house.

Experts testified that the man's crossdressing did not mean he is a transvestite or that he was compulsive about his conduct. They also said he had never dressed in women's clothes publicly and was unlikely to ever do so in front of his son.

However, even if his son inadvertently saw his father in women's clothes, that probably would have no impact on the child, the experts said. Seeing his father in such clothes would be no worse than seeing parents engaged in sex or violence in the home, they told the judge.

Psychologists also said the value of maintaining a father-son relationship outweighs any potential problem caused by crossdressing. They found no evidence that such behavior affects parenting skills or makes someone more prone to sexually abuse children.

For his part, the husband said he had not had any women's clothing since 1990 and never intended to wear them again.

The state Supreme Court said McKittrick ignored all that evidence and wrongly concluded the man was an admitted transvestite. The judge also mistakenly decided the child would be irreparably harmed if exposed to a crossdressing father.

At one point, McKittrick suggested the boy might become a transvestite if he saw his father. "What if the boy walked in the room and saw his old man dressed up in panties and a bra?" the judge asked.

The court said McKittrick's order on custody and visitation "was contrary to the child's best interest and there was no evidence, other than the District Court's unfounded fears, to deny joint custody.'

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TRANSSISTERS NEW JOURNAL OF TRANSSEXUAL FEMINISM

The first issue of *TransSisters, the Journal of Transsexual Feminism* was published on September 7, 1993. There have been two more issues since then. The purposes of *TransSisters* are to provide a forum dealing specifically with of transsexuality and feminism, to promote dialogue between the feminist and transsexual communities, to foster understanding of transsexuality within the feminist community, and to promote feminist consciousness within the transsexual community.

The first issue of *TransSisters* contains an interview with transgendered lesbian activist and author Leslie Feinberg. The second issue is entirely devoted to the issue of the attendance of post-operative male-to-female transsexuals at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival.

TransSisters welcomes submissions of articles, poetry, interviews, reviews, art work, and photography relevant to the issues of transsexuality which express a feminist perspective. Although the primary focus of *TransSisters* is expected to be issues of concern to male-to-female transsexuals, submissions dealing with issues of female-to-male transsexuality are also welcome.

TransSisters will be published bi-monthly. Individual copies cost $3.00 each ($4.00 in Canada). One year subscriptions (six issues) cost $18.00 ($24.00 in Canada) from: Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Avenue, Kansas City MO 64119. All payment should be drawn to Davina Anne Gabriel. Advertising and wholesale rates are available on request.

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THE FIRST TRANSHELSINKI MEETING WAS A SUCCESS

TRANSHELSINKI, a nationwide meeting for transgendered people was arranged in Helsinki, the capital of Finland, on October 14-17, 1993 for the first time. The aim was to create a meeting place for the whole gender community, from TSs to TVs and gender benders, as well as all others who are interested in the transgender scene without borders or discrimination between the different groups.

The idea of this kind of event was born during our trip to EuroFantasia last May, and it was organized by the local TV/TS group within SETA, the national association for sexual minorities, in Helsinki, with a little help from the national TV organization, the Dreamwear Club. We are grateful to SETA TS activist Tiina who made the meeting possible. About 50 transpeople from all over Finland, and a few from a new Estonian TV/TS group called Gendy, attended theprograms and parties throughout the weekend. This makes TRANS-HELSINKI the largest trans event in Finland ever.

The program started Thursday evening with a discussion around the coffee table at the SETA offices. About 40 TVs and TSs with friends were chatting and getting to know each other. Most of us had been in some kind of TV or TS meeting before, but for some this was

the very first time out of the closet.

Later in the evening, we went out to see the Helsinki nightlife. Today there are quite a few places where we are well accepted, as at the restaurants Don't Tell Mama, New Faces, H_2O, and the Vanhan Kellari which translates to the Old Cellar. You can get a list of accepting places with addresses from SETA or the Dreamwear Club if you come to visit Helsinki.

Late in the afternoon on Friday there was a panel discussion about the possibilities of cooperation between the various TV and TS organizations. Most of us shared the opinion that we are groups too small to fight each other, and only by joining forces could we get some results in the struggle for better rights and acceptance in society. There seems, however, to be a few extremists among the transsexuals who do not see any common interest with transvestites or transgendered people. They claim we defame their cause by dressing up just for fun and, worst of all, they could be mistaken for trannies themselves! To avoid that, they have very strict rules of behavior before the transsexuals are accepted into their exclusive kingdom. Well, what can you say to these people? It's best to leave them alone.

We were happy that the majority of our community *is* willing to cooperate, and that we also have the support of the gays and lesbians of SETA. I think this meeting and discussion was a good start for closer contacts between the different groups of transpeople in Finland.

After the lively discussion, we went out for dinner to Vanhan Kellari in the heart of Helsinki. It is a place where all kinds of people mix, hetero, gay, lesbian, TV, TS and who knows what. The atmosphere there is very friendly. There was an amusing incident when we came in and were taking off our coats. I overheard two Somalis talking about me. "Look at that, she must be a basketball player!" The other one had a better look. "Not *she*, stupid, *he*. It's a man." We had a good dinner and a very pleasant evening indeed.

At midnight I was invited to see the best nightclub in town with Ulla, a local TV activist. Her lady friend was attending a charity ball there, and she had arranged invitations for us. Even if I had some doubts on the way there, we were made very welcome to this high society party. We had some interesting discussions with "straights" there trying to explain what this is all about. They could maybe understand that we do not wear dresses to pick up men, but that we were married with children was too much for some of them. Anyway, we were satisfied we could do some gender education there, but the best part was when the waiter brought us each a yellow rose from a secret admirer!

Saturday afternoon there was a seminar where the social secretary of SETA spoke with great expertise about the social aspect of the gender community. He has a large experience in the basic problems and fears affecting members of the different sexual and gender minorities. In the last few years the number of transgendered people among his clients has increased considerably.

I made a presentation about our experiences at EuroFantasia, and showed some slides from Ebeltoft. After that, the representative of Trasek (a TS group) lectured about transsexualism and its history in different cultures. There were at least 50 people attending, many of them from outside the trans community, for instance students of psychology, and feminists who were interested in this phenomenon.

In the evening we had the great Gender Ball at New Faces, a restaurant popular among both TVs and lesbians in Helsinki. It was very nice to meet all the different people, TVs, TSs both F-M and M-F, and their respective partners. Only by mixing can we learn to know each other and learn to accept different ways of life, and, ultimately, ourselves, too. The best comment I heard was from a TV in her 30s who said, "For twenty years I've been hiding the better part of myself, but after this weekend I'm proud of being a transvestite!"

We think that TRANSHELSINKI was a very successful event. We are going to make it an annual happening. We all made many new friends, and the people of Helsinki were very nice and friendly everywhere we went. Next year we will announce TRANSHELSINKI in good time. Overseas visitors are most welcome! We hope to see you next year, first at EuroFantasia in Ebeltoft in May, and then in Helsinki in the autumn.

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CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS CLUB RESTRUCTURED

Effective December 1, 1993 there is no more annual membership fee for the Canadian CrossDressers Club. Gone also is the store discount of ten percent for members, overnight guest rooms and the *Canadian Crossdresser's Magazine.* What remains is the facility: locker rentals, luxury party room, smoking lounge, club members' makeup room and full bath with shower and jacuzzi.

The Canadian CrossDresser's Magazine has been subsidized by Take a Walk on the Wildside™ since its creation three years ago. Paddy Aldridge and Veronica Brown, editors, feel that it has become all that it could ever be. The magazine could not continue to evolve and improve and still serve the needs of the club. A club newsletter will replace the magazine for members and continued newsletter exchange with other crossdressing clubs.

The club will be open for members during the week during regular Wildside business hours. Parties will continue to be featured on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. Makeovers with or without wardrobe are still available in the store.

Toronto is diverse. There are crossdressers and drag queens of every nationality; they are heterosexual, gay and bisexual. They dress normal, outlandish and wild. Take a Walk on the Wildside™ will publish a larger quarterly magazine in color and black and white to reflect Toronto's greater diversity to replace *The Canadian CrossDresser's Magazine.*

A photo/video studio has replaced the overnight guest rooms to assist in Wildside's video production and photo sessions which are a big part of transformations. When not in use, several large tables can be set up for meetings and dinners.

The first newsletter of the Canadian Crossdresser's Club will be available in January '94. The premier issue of Take a Walk on the Wildside's™ new, as-yet-to-be-named magazine is scheduled for Spring '94. Watch for it!

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UPDATED FEB. 1, 1994

FEBRUARY, 1994

25-27:6th Annual Texas T Party, San Antonio, Texas USA
Texas T Party, P O Box 700042, San Antonio TX 78270 USA

MARCH, 1994

11-13: North Wales Weekend at Colwyn Bay, WALES
Phone Edelweiss Hotel (0492) 532314 Quoting BS Weekend

12-20: Coming Together Convention, Portland, Oregon USA
IFGE, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367 USA

18: A Night at Esprit, Portland, Oregon USA
Esprit, P O Box 873, Kirkland WA 98083 USA

APRIL, 1994

15-17: Transidentitas-Tagung, Frankfurt, GERMANY
Transidentitas e. V., Postfach 10 10 46, D-63010, Offenbach, GERMANY

21-24: Moonlight in Manhattan, New York City, USA
Greater New York Gender Alliance, c/o Lynda Frank, 330 w. 45th Street, Apt 3-E, New York NY 10036 USA Telephone (212) 765-3561

27-May 1: California Dreamin', Burbank, California USA
California Dreamin', P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686

MAY, 1994

Pompano Paradise, Pompano/Ft. Lauderdale, Florida USA
Tanya Loser, P O Box 26441, Tamarac FL 33320-6441

7-14: EuroFantasia, Ebeltoft, Denmark
EuroFantasia, Box 442, N-4301 Sandnes, NORWAY Fax: Intercode+47-51 66 24 22

19-22: Paradise in the Poconos™, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
Creative Design Services, P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 (215) 640-9449

17-22: Esprit, Port Angeles, Oregon USA
Esprit, P O Box 873, Kirkland WA 98083 USA

21-22: Northland Weekend, Minneapolis, Minnesota USA
CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55418

31-June 6: 14th Annual Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Provincetown, Massachusetts USA
TCNE, P O Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483 USA (508) 358-2305 (7-10pm Tuesdays EST)

JUNE, 1994

8-12: 12th Annual Be All You Want To Be, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA
Be All Weekend, P O Box 23442, Pittsburgh PA 15222

JULY, 1994

6-10: Spouses Partners International Conference for Education (SPICE), Chicago, Illinois USA
Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock, AR 72221

AUGUST, 1994

17-21: 3nd Annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy, Houston, Texas USA
Phyllis Frye, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston TX 77035-5515 USA

27: Luau III, Dinner and Entertainment, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania USA
Renaissance, LSVC, P O Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122 USA

SEPTEMBER, 1994

22-25: Paradise in the Poconos™, Canadensis, Pennsylvania USA
Creative Design Services, P O Box 61263, King of Prussia PA 19406 (215) 640-9449

OCTOBER, 1994

4-7: Dignity Cruise V, aboard the Delta Queen, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA
Dr. Peggy Rudd, 1811 Crutchfield TX 77449 Telephone (713) 347-6563

NOVEMBER, 1994

17-20: Fall Harvest, Iowa City, Iowa USA
Iowa Artistry, P O Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406

MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN 1994

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APRIL 21-24, 1994

by **S. Kristine James**, Chair

New York City is a wonderful town, and you can experience it all at the Greater New York Gender Alliance's 2nd annual MOONLIGHT IN MANHATTAN weekend and dinner dance. This year's event promises to be even more fun than 1993. The specially planned program is one of flexibility. Our friends come to New York City for many reasons. The shopping in the spring is fabulous, salons and boutiques will cater to your every need, or you can join in a planned program. If you arrive early or stay late or just want to wander on your own during the weekend, we have prepared a special Shopper's Guide of stores, night clubs and more for your personal use.

When you arrive early, we will meet you at the hotel to get you started. After you arrive, get changed (if you didn't travel en-femme) and get ready for a fascinating experience. A special registration and hospitality room will great you on the second floor starting on Wednesday April 20, 1994 at 5 p.m. Come right up and we will give you a registration package which will include a guide to New York featuring all the restaurants, clubs and shows that will welcome you.

Here are some of the special events planned for you:

Comedy Club Night, New York by Night Bus Tours, Mariette Pathy Allen and others in Seminars, Moonlight in Manhattan Dinner Dance with entertainment by the Ladies of the Imperial Court of New York, Restaurant Bus Tour, Fashion Show Luncheon, Jim Bridges, Muriel Olive and other Vendors, Shopping and special Individual and Small Group Tours, Sunday Brunch, TV Talk Show and lunch, . . . and lots more.

Come ready for a fun-filled, exciting weekend as only New York City can provide. In addition to the activities planned by the GNYGA, you also

have New York City with all the entertainment, cultural, sightseeing, shopping, dining and fun experiences available. Our hotel is conveniently located in the heart of midtown Manhattan, a short cab ride to anywhere you might want to go. This is a must for those of you who would like to do the "Big Apple."

The best part is all that NYC excitement at Peoria prices (well, maybe Cincinnati). A full registration and sign-up for all of the events is $180. That's exclusive of travel, dining (package includes two fabulous lunches, the Moonlight in Manhattan dinner/ dance and a sumptuous brunch), transportation and hotel accommodations. You can take the complete package or you can choose them individually as you like.

On Thursday, April 21, 1994, there is planned a special, small group of programs that you can enjoy individually or in groups.
This event is open to all of the gender community: crossdressers, transsexuals, transgenderists, drag queens, significant others and friends. The GNYGA prides itself in celebrating the diversity of our community. Best of all is that you can enjoy yourself with a clear conscience as this is a charity event. This year's beneficiaries will be the New York Gender Identity Project (Teenage) and IFGE.

DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT OF THE YEAR!

Experience the thrilling excitement of New York city all dressed up. Be ready to take the town by storm.

Hotel reservations close on April 1, 1994 and will cost only $80 per night, no matter how many people are in the room. Reserve early by calling the hotel at 1-800-231-0405, block MIM 420. Many People waited too long in 1993 and could not get rooms. Registration forms for the convention for Moonlight in Manhattan can be obtained from Lynda Frank, Registrar, 330 W 45th St., 3H, New York, NY 10036, 212-765-3561 6-10pm, Monday to Thursday.

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BOARD MEETING

Photos by **Melissa Foster**

Jheri Lee Summers giving the Board a chalk-
I mean overhead-projector-talk

On January 15, 1994, the very first meeting of the IFGE Board of Directors at IFGE headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts took place. It was remarkable for a number of reasons.

To begin with, it was the depths of winter. The temperature was down and the snow was deep. Board members came from sunny California, Texas, Illinois, Ohio and New York State. Massachusetts was very real, not to say bracing. Several said they had never seen snow before. Unfortunately, by the time we were ready to build a huge snow genderperson in the parking lot, it was time to start fetching everyone to their respective means home.

Yet, despite the distance and the adverse weather, ten of twenty-one directors attended, along with three committee chairs and three guests. It was valuable and important for the staff and the Board to meet each other, see how and where the work of IFGE is done, and to discuss the issues confronting us all from our various perspectives. We hope we made the Board feel welcome and comfortable in their stay in Waltham.

Most came into the Waltham offices a day or two before the Saturday meetings to acquaint themselves with the facilities and the day-to-day activities of the organization. The phones really rang on those days (there are eight lines), and the walk-in people seeking information and referrals, or just someone to talk to seemed to focus on us more in those few days than in the week before. We were very busy.

Jheri Lee & Eve Burchert in the library lobby of IFGE Headquarters.

The pre-meeting time afforded great opportunity to discuss many issues and ideas for board involvement with staff activity and good exchange took place. In the evenings during the directors' stay with us, we visited Merissa Sherrill Lynn's house for dinner one evening and went to a lovely hotel for dinner on another. On the meeting day, a hot lunch was provided for the directors, prepared and delivered to us by the famous Boston Chicken restaurants. It was a very welcome break in a day of involved discussion and planning.

The Strategic Planning Committee gave a very detailed report. They have done a marvelous job preparing IFGE for its trip into Vision 2000. Their hard work and suggestions have focused strongly on our goals, and on the ways to reach those goals in the next six to seven years. Ms. Jheri Lee Summers gave information about the Focus Group sessions taking place all over the United States and Canada. These groups give information to various clubs and organizations, and the moderator of each of these groups then asks for input and suggestion to help IFGE formulate its plans for the next several years. The compilation of the results of these sessions will be given at the Portland IFGE Coming Together - Working Together convention this March.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER CONVENTION
PORTLAND, OREGON
MARCH 12 THROUGH MARCH 20, 1994

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 11-13

Earlybird arrivals, unscheduled activities to be planned upon arrival
9am-9pm: Registration Room & Bookstore opens

MONDAY, MARCH 14

All Day: Buzz sessions, rap groups, social activities. Topics: TBA
7am-6pm: Ski & Sightseeing Trip to Mount Hood
(Alternate: City Tour)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

All Day: Buzz sessions, rap groups, social activities. Topics: TBA
9am-12pm: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting
1pm-3pm: Convention Staff Meeting
7pm-9pm: Free Public Seminar
8pm-11pm: Reception/Buffet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

9am-10am: Welcome & Orientation
10am-12pm: Vision 2000 (IFGE Strategic Planning Committee)
12pm-2pm: Keynote Luncheon (Speaker: Linda Peacock)
Afternoon: Buzz sessions, rap groups, social activities. Topics: TBA
2pm-3pm: Tax Law for Non-Profit Organizations (Yvonne Cook-Riley, Elizabeth Elliot, CPA)
2pm-5pm: Bridging the Gap between the Professional and Transgendered Communities (Dr. Sandra Cole, Dr. Sheila Kirk, Holly Boswell)
3pm-5pm: Life Dynamics, Life Cycles (Anne Johnson)
6:30pm-11pm: Buffet & Trinity Awards Presentation

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

All Day: Buzz sessions, rap groups, social activities. Topics: TBA
9am-12pm: Congress of Transgendered Organizations Annual Meeting
9am-12pm: Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Who Am I?, Transition, Religion, Building Your Team
10am-11am: Makeup Class (Jim Bridges)
11am-12pm: Transgender Alternative (Holly Boswell)
12pm-2pm: Keynote Luncheon (Speaker: Abby Saypen)
2pm-3pm: Community Outreach Programs (Alison Laing)
2pm-3:30pm: Emerging From Secrecy (MaryAnn Kirkland)
2pm-5pm: Afternoon Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Dealing With Others, Employment, Legal Rights
3pm-5pm: The Art & Mystique of Becoming a Sexual Person (Dr. Sandra Cole)
3:30pm-5pm: Building Bridges (Nancy Nangeroni)
12pm-5pm: Wives' Lunch & City Tour
5:30pm-12am: Either an FI Show at the Darcelle 15 Supper Club, or a Dinner Theater
6pm-12am: DREAM Reunion

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

All Day: Buzz sessions. Topics: TBA
9am-12pm: Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Subconscious Communications, Socialization, Profoundly Female Issues
9am-12pm: Female-to-Male Program. Topics: Transition, Issues Unique to FTMs, Socialization
9am-12pm: Wives & Significant Others Program. Topics: Partners Open Session, Relationships
10am-11am: Am I Unique, or Just Plain Vanilla? (MaryAnn Kirkland)
10am-11am: Makeup Class (Jim Bridges)
11am-12pm: Transgender Law & Employment Policy (Phyllis Randolph Frye)
11am-12pm: Gender Liberation (Mariette Pathy Allen)
12pm-2pm: Keynote Luncheon (Speaker: Phyllis Randolph Frye)
2pm-5:30pm: Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Speaking in a More Feminine Manner, Hair Removal A to Z, Hormones
2pm-5pm: Female-to-Male Program. Topics: Sexuality, Sex & Love, Other Relationships, Partners/Children
2pm-5pm: Wives Program. Topics: SPICE Update, Wives Rap Session
2pm-3pm: Organizing & Operating Effective Regional Coalitions (Jennifer Richards)
2pm-3pm: Your Cyber Space for Growth (Ariadne Kane)
3pm-5pm: Alternative Spirituality (Holly Boswell)
3pm-4pm: Gender Images & Messages from Great Musical Composition (MaryAnn Kirkland)
4pm-5pm: Becoming Politically Active (Alison Laing)
7pm-9pm: Free Public Seminar
6pm-12am: Las Vegas Night Fundraiser
10pm—: Slumber Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

9am-12pm: IFGE Board of Directors Meeting
9am-6pm: ICTLEP Planning Meeting
9am-12pm: Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Options, Hospitalization Insurance
9am-12pm: Female-to-Male Program. Topics: Body Work, Hormones
9am-12pm: Wives & Significant Other Program: All Day With Dr. Sandra Cole, 1st session
9am-12pm: FTM Partners Program. Topics: Change of Lifestyle Issues, Being Red, Coming Out, Our Roles
10am-11am: Clothing & Wardrobe
11am-12pm: Slide Presentation (Mariette Pathy Allen)
12pm-2pm: Keynote Luncheon (Speaker: BJ Seymour, ACSW)
2pm-5pm: Male-to-Female Program. Topics: Cosmetic Surgery, Sex Reassignment Surgery, What Next?
2pm-5pm: Female-to-Male Program. Topics: Surgeries and Other Options, FTM Surgery, Brainstorming/ Evaluations
2pm-5pm: Wives & Significant Other Program. All Day With Dr. Sandra Cole, 2nd Session
2pm-5pm: FTM Partners Program. Topics: Hormones, Other Issues Unique to Partners, Outreach/Networking
2pm-3pm: Integration & Management of Crossdressing (MaryAnn Kirkland)
3pm-4pm: Enjoying the Good Life out in Public
4pm-5pm: Returning to Reality, How to Handle Blue Monday
6pm-12am: Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

9am-11am: Convention Summary, Open Discussion
9am-11am: Religious Services
11am-1pm: Wind-Down Brunch, Traditional Passing of the Football
Afternoon & Evening: Buzz sessions and social activities. Topics & activities TBA

HOTEL REGISTRATION: The Portland Hilton, one of the largest and most magnificent hotels in Portland, is offering a special discount rate of $95.00 per night, single or double occupancy. Rooms must be reserved prior to February 10, 1994. After that, rooms will only be available on a space available basis. DO NOT use the Hilton '800' number. **PORTLAND HILTON, 921 Southwest Sixth Ave, Portland, Oregon 97204-1296 503-226-1611**

REGISTRATION & GENERAL INFORMATION: **Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Convention Director, The International Foundation for Gender Education, 123 Moody St., Waltham, MA 02154 617-899-2212**

LOCAL INFORMATION:
The Northwest Gender Alliance, P.O. Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208 503-774-8463
Emerald City, P.O. Box 31318, Seattle, WA 97103 206-384-1071

PORTLAND 1994

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Coming Together - Working Together Convention

March, 1994

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Please Check:

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- ☐ Individuals - $250
- ☐ Couples - $420

3-Day Registration (any 3 days)

- ☐ Individuals - $225
- ☐ Couples - $375

2-Day Registration (Friday and Saturday only)

- ☐ Individuals - $160

(no special couple rate)

1-Day Registration (per person)

- ☐ Tuesday - $55
- ☐ Wednesday - $95
- ☐ Thursday - $85
- ☐ Friday - $85
- ☐ Saturday - $95
- ☐ Sunday - $55

Ala Carte

Per person:

- ☐ Trinity Awards - $50
- ☐ Awards Banquet - $50

(Included if registered for convention)

Your Cost:

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Linda Buten, Chair of the Board of Directors

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Melissa Foster poses in the IFGE reference library.

needs most important in 1994 for IFGE, and in fact, it was 7% less than the budget proposed in 1993. It should be pointed out that IFGE came within 3% of that 1993 budget. For a year filled with such economic problems as existed countrywide, our ability to come that close to our projections was viewed by the board as being quite remarkable. Ms. Caldwell, who is now the chairperson of the Budget Planning Committee (formerly the Finance Committee), gave information about increases in Tapestry subscriptions and product sales, and was very encouraging about increases in donations to IFGE. She made very clear in her presentation that the signs are there indicating our progress and growth in positive ways. As with virtually all small businesses, there are peaks and valleys in cash flow. This is one of the problems IFGE experiences at times in a fiscal year. Solutions for avoiding these valleys were proposed and will be adopted in 1994.

Another major area for discussion was the need to change some staff personnel positions and responsibilities and to plan to hire one or several new personnel to make the IFGE operation more efficient. The real problem is that IFGE has many, many areas in which it functions. A great deal is requested of the IFGE staff, and work overload is a real

Taylor Montogomery traveled East to share his interpretation of Vision 2000.

concern. This office has 50-60 incoming telephone calls each day. Professionals and transgendered people walk into the facility, numbering between 10 and 15 persons each day, and virtually all of them with no appointment. All of this takes time, and while it is very much a part of IFGE function, the tasks of writing, publication planning, speech giving and travel have to be paid attention to by each and every one of the staff. All of these things must fit into their schedule and area of responsibility. The staff is spread thin tending many boiling pots.

Only the best food & service for the board.

Sharon Ann Stuart & Eve Burchert
in a post-meeting meeting

After much deliberation, an ad hoc committee, chaired by Laura Caldwell and advised by Jheri Lee Summers, was appointed to study job descriptions and to report to the board at the annual IFGE convention in Portland, Oregon. In the meanwhile, the IFGE board will conduct a talent search for a person to fill at least one position in the IFGE staff in Waltham. A press release to this effect was sent out just after the board meetings concluded.

Detailed discussions were held about new product lines. Several of these products have been planned, and announcement of these will be forthcoming as they are ready for marketing.

The meeting was filled with a cooperative spirit and a will to solve and to progress. The encouragement of such interchange cannot be expressed adequately. The very important message is that IFGE, through its strategic planning, has important plans and steps to take, and the board and the staff are committed to the implementation of those plans and the taking of those steps. As Laura Caldwell stated, "1994 is a turnaround year for IFGE and 1995 a breakthrough year—the signs remain positive for the years beyond in our work with and for the community."

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Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Linda Buten, & Jheri Lee Summers having a power lunch.

IFGE YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

by **Laura Caldwell**, Chair, Budget Committee

Our financial picture brightened in the fourth quarter as we racked up a record $88,226 in business revenue and contributions, ending with a flourish in December with a strong $35,946. Even more important, our quarterly cash flow was positive, $4,065 after three straight quarters in the red.

Despite a difficult quarter in the bond market, our investments in the Winslow Street Fund, shown in **Chart #1**, improved by about $1,000 over the third quarter results. Each of the other funds also advanced and a mental addition of the five bar totals indicates a sum of almost $68,000 as very hard cash in the asset section of our balance sheet. Certainly a compelling refutation to voices in the community who argue our financial demise.

Our major challenge in 1994-1995 will be to intelligently and prudently manage our cash flow. **Chart #2** *(on page 84)* details the volatility in our business quarterly over the last three years. This will probably increase as we continue to grow. Laura Caldwell and her committee have ideas as to how we may effectively cope with the problem. This is a high priority issue in meeting our fiscal responsibilities, and we will closely monitor our results as the year unfolds.

Finally, summary **Chart #3** *(on page 84)* gives the big picture in our longer term performance. There are several points which need emphasis in the chart:

Note the unbroken straight line advance in total revenue since 1990.

Also note how significantly our contributions add to our top line in the 1990-1993 period.

Finally, note how our donor base is expanding, reaching 452 donors in 1993, a 39% increase over 1992.

We just missed equalling our total dollar contributions in 1992 by 3%, or about $3,300. But this result is much better than it seems. In 1993 many of our major donors had fulfilled their obligations and we had to rely on an expanded donor base to make up for this deficiency. Fortunately, that strategy proved effective. But there is an even bigger message in this past year's fund raising results. All of our work, sweat, effort, time and money spent on fund raising tends to be cumulative over time. Not simply a one-to-one correspondence from one year to the next. Thus our investment in this activity is just beginning to pay off given the 452 donors who now contribute. It is not visionary to see a goal of 1,000 donors in our 'Vision 2000' horizon if we persevere in our effort to communicate the financial support needed to further our cause.

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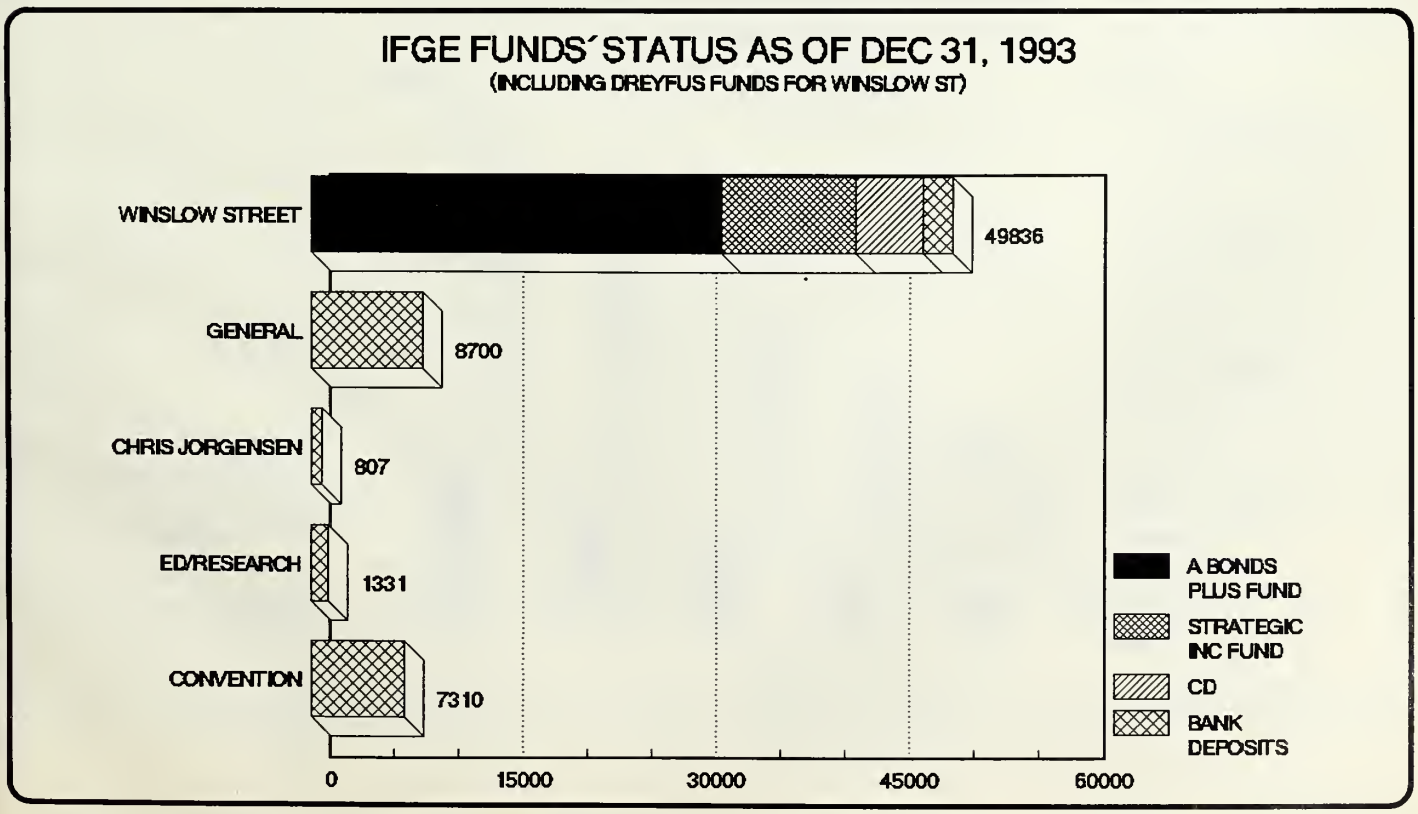

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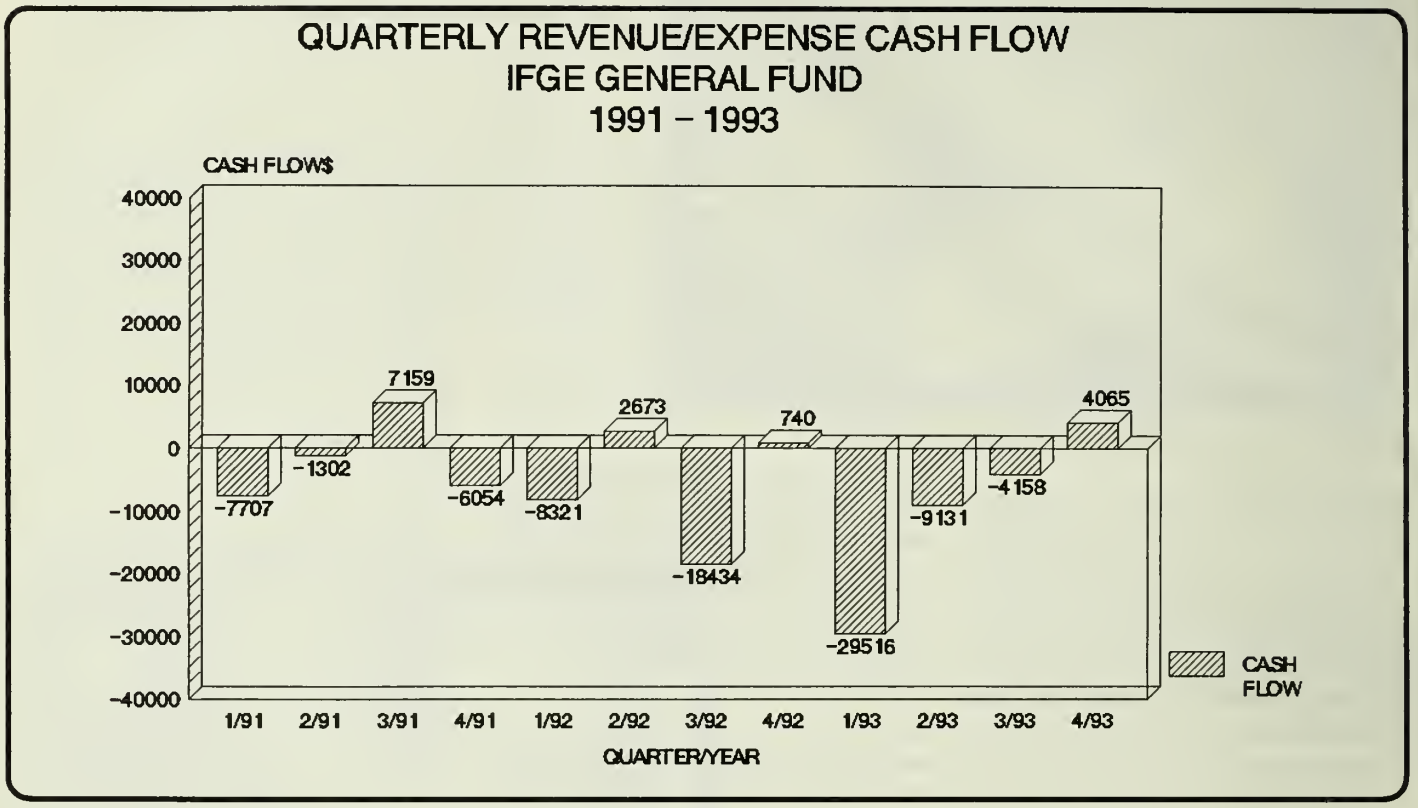

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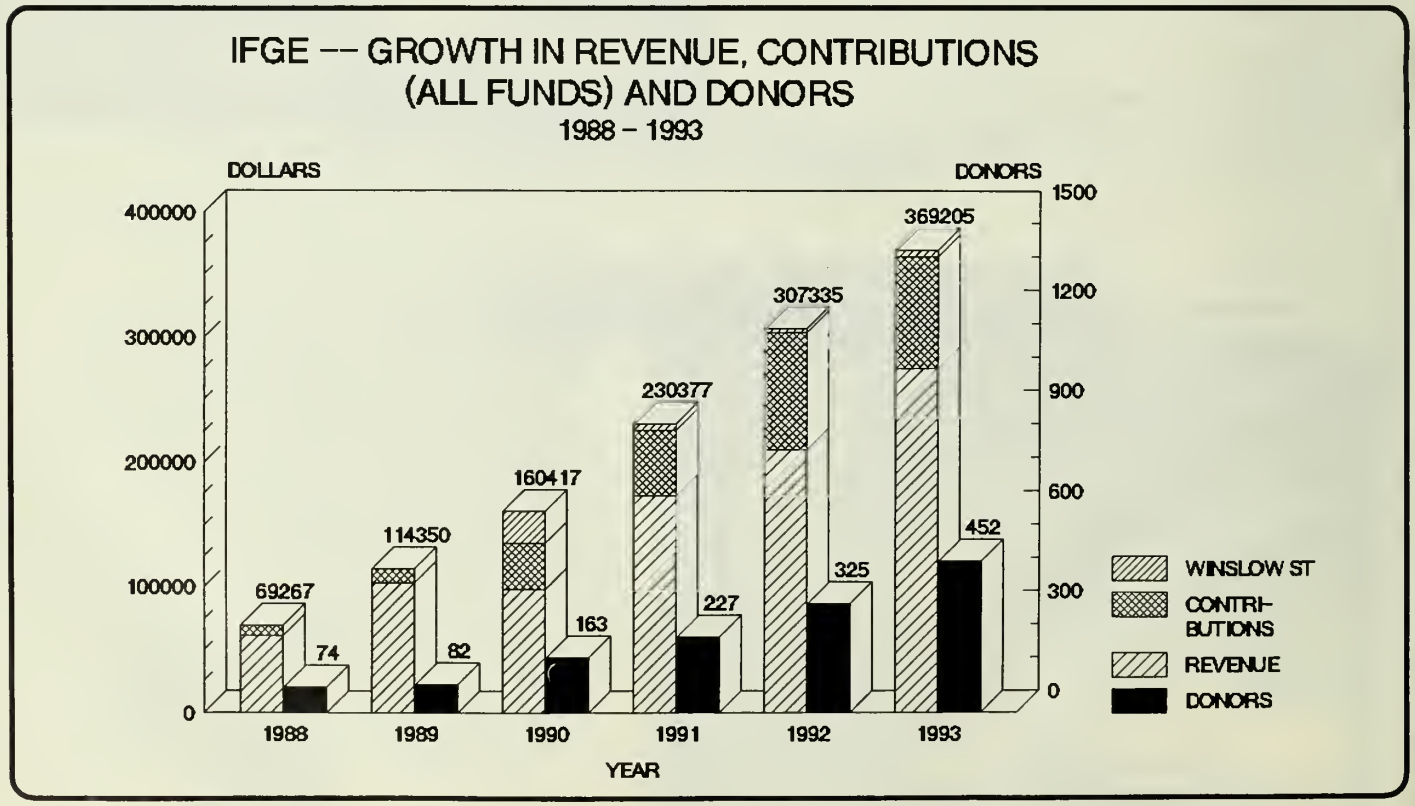

DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

(Updated January 1994)

(All Organizations and Services are sorted according to category and by zip code. All Groups are non-profit and non-sexual in nature unless otherwise noted. All information shared is confidential.)

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TV/TS - **GLEBIT'S APPLE**: APPLE, P O Box 94, Chicopee MA 01013.
Mutual advocacy and support for Gay males, LEsbians, BIsexuals and Transgendered people and Supporters, hence GLEBITS. Hotlines in all Massachusetts area codes. We will return all calls unless specifically told not to. Each hotline has a secure answering machine.
☎ (617) 323-6082 Sandy,
(413) 594-4703 Steve 11am - 7pm ,
(508) 251-0678 9:00am - 9:00pm.

CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:** Sunshine Club, c/o Roberta Steel, P O Box 149, Hadley MA 01035.
Monthly meetings at a church in the Pioneer Valley area. Discretion and toleration expected.
☞ Monthly newsletter

FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:** P O Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060
Meets in the homes of members. Social activities and networking with other FTMs. Meetings are potluck buffet.

TV/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES**: P O Box 508, North Adams MA 01247
Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered. Meets the first Friday of each month.

TV/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK**: P O Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267
Support without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.
☞ Quarterly newsletter, *The Myriad Network Newss*.

TV/TS/SO - **AXA:** c/o Zoë Durga, P O B1331, W.Concord MA 01742.
Social support group offers individual support, sharing of resources, open discussions, advocacy in support of civil rights for transgenderists. Weekly meetings Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. No dues or fees. Telephone or personal interview required.

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION:** I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland MA 01778-0367. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director.
Educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community. Publisher of materials relevant to the TV/TS theme. Sponsors the annual Coming Together convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in bookstore" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.
☎ (617) 894-8340
FAX (617) 899-5703
☞ *TV-TS Tapestry Journall*

TS/SO - **LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUAL PERSONS/NEW ENGLAND:** c/o IFGE, P O B367, Wayland MA 01778-0367
Support group for parents, siblings, other

relations, of TS persons. Led by Marie Mann, MA in Expressive Therapies. Meets Wednseday at 123 Moody Street, Waltham, Mass., 7:30-9:00pm.

☎ (617) 899-2212.

FTM/SO - **THE ADAM SOCIETY:** c/o Dan Riley, P O Box 367, Wayland MA 01778.

Support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others. Monthly meetings.

Adam's Word

TV/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.:** TCNE, POB 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.

Organizing "get-togethers," workshops, seminars, and beauty courses, referrals, a speakers' bureau, and group outings. Attendees must be interviewed by a member of the Screening Committee, or have a letter of introduction from a qualified person.

☎(617) 891-9325(answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm EST)

Rosebuds

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:**c/o TCNE, Inc., Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483.

Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, TCNE Provincetown Outing weekend in Oct.

☎(617) 891-9325(answered live Tuesdays 7:00 10:00pm EST)

TV/TS - **REFLECTIONS:** P O Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026

Providing public speaking, advocacy, support phone line, therapy group, research library, referral database. Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St. at Arlington St, Boston.

☎ (617) 323-6082]

Newsletter

TS - **GETTING REAL:** P O B 194, West Newton MA 02165.

Meetings the first Sunday of each month at 4:00pm. Meeting location is in Boston, near the T, with free parking, refreshments, and sometimes entertainment.

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDERED ALLIANCE:** TGA, P O Box 38-1005, Cambridge MA 02238.

A political organization working to unite the transgender community around a program advocating its own political and social interests; organizes and educates for human rights for transgendered people and for liberation from restrictive gender roles; supports the Gender Bill of Rights.

TV/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** P O Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653.

Social support group for those on Cape Cod and SE MA. Meets first Tuesday each month except for summer. Inquire for time and place.

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TV/TS -**SOCIETY OF CROSS-DRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:** SCHE, 276 Pearl Street #L, Cambridge MA 02139

SCHE Mail.

PEOPLE*SYSTEMS POTENTIAL:
Niela Miller, MS Ed, LCSW,
P O Box 132,
Nagog Woods MA 01718

Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Monthly group for CDs and TSs in Concord, Mass. Supervision available for mental health professionals.

☎ (508) 264-4565.

NEW HORIZONS COUNSELING:
Clyde Hilburn, MSW Candidate,
P O Box 191,
Ashland MA 01721

Individual counseling and support groups for those dealing with gender issues.

☎ (508) 435-6656.

ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD: 43 Roberts Road, Cambridge MA 02138

Supportive, confidential counseling for transgendered people. Open to spiritual issues and dreams.

☎ (617) 876-6489

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: Ari Kane,M.Ed., Gender Specialist
233 Harvard Street, Suite 302,
Brookline MA 02146

Counseling in gender issues, couples counseling where dressing is an issue in the relationship, gender clarification for gender shift people, long-term counseling for pre-op TSs, professional supervision for social workers and guidance counselors. All sessions are by appointment.

☎ 617-277-4360

SERVICES FOR MEN (AND THEIR FAMILIES):
66 Wyman Street,
West Medford MA 02155

Staff of Board Certified and Licensed Social Workers, psychiatrist, and psychologist to deal with sexual and gender issues, identity problems, relationship problems, depression. Qualified for health insurance payments. Evening and Saturday hours available.

☎ (617) 395-2450.

DENNIS PEARNE, EdD:
Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave,
Belmont Ctr, MA 02178.
Mailing: 133 Grove St.
Watertown MA 02172.

Clinical psychologist.

☎ Office: (617) 484-0013.

GENDER AWARENESS & INFORMATION NETWORK:
GAIN, POB 368,
Boston MA 02215,
Ari Kane, Director.

Referral services and educational resources for health care professionals on issues of gender conflict and gender dysphoria. Seminars, workshops, and professional supervision are offered from time to time. Memberships available to helping professionals.

☎ (617) 277-3454.

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RHODE ISLAND (028-029)

TV/TS - **SILENT PASSAGE:**

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☎ (401) 438-7417

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Monthly Newsletter.

NANCY STRAPKO, Ph.D.:
PO Box 157,
Plymouth NH 03264

Gender Specialist. Psychotherapist serving the New England area. Private, couples, and group therapy. Formerly with U. of Minnesota.

☎ (603) 536-1306.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431
Ken DeVoid, Ed D.

Gender identity counseling. Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

☎ (603) 357-5544

MAINE (038-047)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT:**
Box 17622, Portland ME 04101.

Education and social activities for members of the gender community, their families and friends, and others interested in these issues. Monthly general meetings and monthly small discussion group. Speakers' bureau. Strict security. Write for more information.

Trans-Talk

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Churchill, P O Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894.

Volunteer organization working to provide information, referrals, and support to Maine's transgendered community, and education about gender dysphoria to the public. NOT a support group.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:
126 Western Ave.,
Ste. 246, Augusta ME 04330.
Ariadne Kane, Director

Conferences and workshops on gender issues, Gender Attitude Reassessment Program for health care professionals, clinical supervision for sex educators and counselors, Fantasia Fair, speakers' bureau for meetings and conferences, seminars for couples.

☎ 207-621-0858.

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Information packets, *Androgeny and the World of the Androgyne*, and annotated catalogue

VERMONT (050-059)

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

TV/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, POB163, Farmington CT 06034.

Social and educational organization. Promotes a positive self-image for cross-gendered individuals in the community and in the media. Three meetings each month. Wives' Support Group and Couples' Group; education, outreach, and speakers' bureau; social get-togethers and outings; confidential membership directory with personal ads and photos. Mem-

bership/recommendation required.

☞ *The Outreach News*

TV/TS - **YE CG BRITS**:
c/o P O Box 106, Rocky Hill CT 06067-0106, USA.

Open to British-born Male to Female crossgendered people who would like to correspond with and perhaps meet other British-born TGs for friendship and support. We also wish to change some of the TG laws in Britain. We shall be keeping in contact with TG groups in Great Britain.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY) CLUB**:
Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387.

XX Club is the TS peer support group of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England. Friends/relatives welcome. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 2-5pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford CT (off North Main Street). Meetings are usually open, sometimes there is a prearranged program. There are occasional social events. Membership $20.00/year includes a subscription to the newsletter. Persons wishing to attend are welcome as long as they have a personal interest in transsexuality, understand the nature of the group, and will respect the anonymity of those attending.

☞ *XX*, published bi-monthly

IMAGES: P O Box 85,
Thompson CT 06277

Provides peer support, group, and individual counseling for the transgender community. Group meetings and individual counseling. 24-hour crisis hot-line to members of the group. Referrals to doctors, therapists, and other organizations. Call for phone interview. Safe and secure meeting place.

☎ (203) 779-9708 voice and FAX.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. The Reverend Canon Clinton R. Jones, Director

Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy and for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

☎ (203) 646-8651

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS**: Boxholder, P O Box 110, Norwood NJ 07648

Using the twelve-step recovery program to help gender-conflicted individuals heal from the effects of gender identity conflict. The twelve steps are adapted from Alcolholics Anonymous. Meets every Thursday night at 8:00 in Teaneck, NJ. No fees, but there is a collection within the group.

☎ (908) 721-7469, Kate.

TV/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH OCEAN GROUP:** POBox 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

Affiliated with Renaissance Education Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Member Garden State Gender Coalition, ACLU, NJ Lesbian and Gay Coalition. Monthly meetings, socials, SO support, outreach.

☞ *Monmouth-Ocean News*

TV/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK**: ECCN, c/o MOG, P O Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701.

Group for couples where both partners are comfortable and supportive with the CD aspects of the relationship. Get-togethers will not be complaint sessions, but positive and uplifting.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY**: Northern New Jersey, Ms. Lynda Frank, P O Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960

Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well. Interview required.

☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS - **RENAISSANCE - SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER:** P O TBox 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. Jacky McNulty Audrey Jaye Steele, chapter leaders.

Meetings the first Saturday of each month at the Atlantic Mental Health Center, Inc., 2002 Black Horse Pike, Mckee NJ. Doors open at 7:00pm.

☎ (609)435-5401

▲ - **SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: SNR, P O Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650.

Meets the fourth Saturday of each month.

☎ (609) 586-1351

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL ORGANIZATION SELFHELP:** c/o A. J. Gilberti, 6 Firethorn Way, Toms River NJ 08755.

Phone networking—self-help for male-to-female, partial or full transsexual. A way to talk and possibly meet others. Phone.Contact, or by mail.

▲ -**CHI DELTA MU**, P O Box 203, Oradell NJ 07649-0203

Tri-Ess Chapter.

NEW YORK (090-149)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS OF NEW YORK/NYGA**:
CDI, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001.
S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director.

Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners,

☎ (212) 570-7389

TV/TS - **IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NEW YORK**: Imperial Queens of New York, Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, NY,NY 10011.

A registered, genuine, supportive organization for Female Impersonators, DQs, TVs, TSs and their friends and supporters in a fun, helpful and democratic forum. We represent a unique, yet positive element of society. "If you've got the hi-heels, we've got the eye-deals."

☎ (212) 580-9862, (516) 889-1980.

☞ *Imperially Yours*

TV/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK**:561 Hudson Street, Box45, New York NY 10014.

Support, advocacy, and educational group open to all segments of the gender community. Friends and guests welcome. Monthly meetings on the second Sunday., social events, lending library, resource directory, referrals. Brief meeting registration form is sent in response to new inquiries.

☎ (201) 794-1665 ext. 332.
(718) 461-9050

☞ *City Lights*

TS - **SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS**

A twelve-step recovery program modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Meets 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10:00 pm on Sundays. We could arrange room and board for out of town visitors, but we do not have a place for people to stay long-term.

☎ Answering service 212-969-0888.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY**: Box 2783 Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163;

For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type. Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times.

☎ (212) 477-6588

▲ - **CHI DELTA MU CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx NY 10475.

Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Interested in attracting wives and girl friends. Over 75 paid members. In existence over five years.

☎ (201) 663-0772.

TV/TS/SO - **GIRL'S NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, POB 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007.

An open social support group , meetings are held.

☎ (201) 794-1665, ext 202.

☞ *Lipstick and Lace*

TV/TS/SO - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION**:LIFE, POB 410, Stony Brook NY 11790-0410.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Lambda Iota chapter of Tri-Ess.

☞ *Lifelinees*, monthly newsletter.

TV/TS/SO -**TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB**: TGIC, Box 13604,Albany NY 12212-3604

Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates'/wives' support group, shopping guide, key club, and storage. We have a screening process to ensure comfort and safety of all.

☎(518) 436-4513 (live Thurs. 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back).

☞ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO -**TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO B 177,Tillson NY 12486-0177.

Clergy and professionals are also welcome. Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral.

TV/TS/SO - **EON (Expressing Our Nature):** 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13204-3226.

Open support regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. Context for TG people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events. EON has its own facility and offices. Meetings are the first and third Saturday and fourth Wednesday each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly.

▲ - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA OF TRI-ESS**: c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, P O Box 870,
Oneonta NY 13820

Centered in Troy, Albany, Schenectady area. Monthly meetings, library, affiliated with TGIC in Albany. Screening before attending.

☎ (607) 547-4118.

☞ *Cornbury's Closett*, quarterly

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO:** , c/o Vicki, P O Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220.
TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings.

▲ - **NU PHI CHI:** Denise Miller, 7954 Transit Road S197, Williamsville NY 14221.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings, occasional meeting notices. Meetings usually held on the second Saturday of the month in a secure environment. Changing rooms available. New members screened.

TV/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** POB 92055, Rochester NY 14692
Group mostly from upstate NY. Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.
☎ (716) 251-2132
CD News

GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, NYC, NY 10011
Support, counseling, advocacy and referral services for gender dysphoric individuals. Peer-to-peer counseling, facilitated support groups, professinal referrals, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling services for male and female transsexuals. The Project is part of the Center's Mental Health and Social Services Programs and all services are confidential and professionally supervised.
☎ (212) 620-7310

METAMORPHOSIS:
P O B 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island, NY 11106-0260
Professional psychotherapy, individual and group support, family counselling, evaluations, treatment for all gender related situations, particulartly for transsexuals. Full transition support. Call or write for appointment and information, Mon.-Fri., 11am-5pm.
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ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED:
Box 3445,
Poughkeepsie NY 12603
Roger E. Peo, Ph.D., Director.
A private service providing counselling, research, and education. Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is for transgendered persons and their significant others. Referrals are made where appropriate. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and for other groups.
☎ (914) 452-8405

MARY LYNNE WHITE:
(201)974-2433
Counseling services focusing on creating inner balance between male and female energies, inner child work, rebirthing.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TV/TS - **TRANSPITT**: P O Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230
Open membership policy. Meetings the second and fourth Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referral required for new member.
☎ (412) 231-1181.

CD/SO - **ERIE SISTERS**: 2115 West 8th St, Ste 261,Erie PA 16505.
Good manners, taste and common sense expected. Monthly meetings. Meetings in every even numbered month are social events held at accepting establishments. Changing room provided.
Newsletter

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER**: Renaissance - LSV, Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. Linda Chemoweth, chapter leader
For the gender community at large. Meets the first Saturday evening of each month in York, PA.
☎ (717) 780-1578.

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: CDI, POB 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director,KarenCioe,NYCCoordinator.
Sponsors meetings, parties, dinners, shows, and serves the needs of all.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**: Renaissance PHL, P O Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020.. Dina Amberle, Chapter Leader.
For the gender community at large. Meets the third Saturday of each month in King of Prussia, PA. Meetings start at 8:00 pm. For information, write or call. For TV/TS with TS Support Group, TV Rap Groups, Significant Other Support Group, monthly programs, as well as socials/community activities.Chapter Leader Maryann Kirkland
☎ (610) 630-1437

TS - **PHILADELPHIA TS SUPPORT GROUP**: P O Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103
To educate the community on TS issues and to give support in this sometimes confusing period. Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals. No drugs or excess baggage.
☎ (215) 567-7879.

TV/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**: Box 60552,King of Prussia PA 19406.
Open group that accepts and helps individuals to grow at their own pace. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Speakers' Bureau for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help under-stand transgender behavior.
☎ (610) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

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☎ (412) 441-0857

DELAWARE (197-199)

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

TV/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE**:c/o R. Lewis, P O Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724.
Discussions, raps, special events, and referrals. Meets in Maryland on the third Saturday of each month from September through June, except December.
☎ (301) 277-5475.

TV/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON**: TGEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215.
(formerly DCEA) Group for transgendered persons of all sexual preferences and genetic origins, and their significant others.Meetings the first Saturday of each month from September through June. Affiliated with couples' group and MAGA (TS support). Outreach to professional psychological groups, hotline services and crisis intervention centers, and to the larger Gay and Lesbian community.
☎ (301) 949-3822.
The Pinnacle, Bi-monthly

MARYLAND (206-218)

THE BRIDGE CLUB: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore MD 21206-0337.

TV/TS - **MY CHOICE**: c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, #1A; Baltimore MD 21231
Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. We usually go out sociali-zing after meetings. Shopping, makeup and coming-out help available.

COUNSEL FOR RELATIONSHIPS:
Rusty Lynn,BD,MSW,LCSW,
4835 Del Ray Avenue,
Bethesda MD 20814
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (301) 652-6448

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.:
H. Martin Malin, PhD,
2114 N. Charles Street,Ste 3
Baltimore MD 21218
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (410) 528-1638

VIRGINIA (220-246)

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE**: MAGA, P O Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. .
Formerly affiliated with the DCEA, and was known as JANUS. General meetings the third Friday of every month, small group meetings the first Fri. of each month.
☎ (301) 977-0938

TV - **BLACK ROSE**: P O Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210
Group for dominant-submissive relationships. Singles and crossdressers welcome. Meets Tuesday nights in DC. There is usually a guest or a topic for the evening, followed by socializing afterwards.
☎ (301) 369-7667

TV - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET**:
P O Box 29142,
Richmond VA 23242-0142
Monthly meetings and monthly newsletter. Sponsoring interview before joining.
☎ (804) 320-8737

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW,
225 E. Broad Sreet,
Falls Church VA 22046
Counseling for transgendered persons.
☎ (703) 532-8723

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 142 W York Street #915, Norfolk VA 23510-2015
Center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS. Gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Applicants subject to a thorough screening by staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.
☎ (804) 622-9900

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

TV/TS/SO - **TRANS-WV**: POB2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322.
Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. Plan to establish some form of outreach.
Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

TV/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION**: TGA, c/o L. Hahn, P O Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114
c/o Stephanie Dula, P O Box 78082, Greensboro NC 27427
Group for CDs, androgynes, TSs and their significant others. Monthly meetings, referrals to professionals. Interview required.

TV/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP**: GDANC, P O Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145
To help TVs, TSs, and others through the hard times by being available when you need to talk. Meetings on the third Sat. of every month at a private apartment.
☎ (704) 642 1914

▲ - **KAPPA BETA, TRI-ESS**:
P.O. Box 12101,
Charlotte NC 28220-2101.
Social support group serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia. Meets odd numbered months in Charlotte.
The Pink Slip

TV/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE**:
Divinity (J. G.), P O Box 25100, Suite 188, Charlotte NC 28229-5100
Open to all regardless of sexual orientation. No gay men unless CD. While not specifically a support group, we make every effort to assist anyone to come out, to get help with wardrobe, makeup, etc. Not strictly a social club, either. No regular meetings to date, as we are still growing in size and shaping our direction. SOs welcome. Referrals to supportive merchants, consultants, clubs, etc.
☎ (704) 531-8838 (voice mail).
All the Beautiful People!

▲ - **CHI CHI RHO, TRI-ESS**:
Crystal Coast Rose, P O Box 733,
Bridgeton NC 28519.
See Tri-Ess, Tulare CA.

TV/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT**:
Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814.
The Carolinas oldest all-inclusive support network. Small weekly gatherings and large meetings every other month. Casual, social, therapeutic. Open discussions, programs, professional referrals.
☎ (704) 259-9428
Gender Quest

LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC:
940 Hutton Street,
Winston-Salem NC 27101;
Nationally certified counselor specializing in gender-related issues. Psychotherapy addressing concerns of CDs, TGs, TSs and their significant others.
☎ (919) 727-0008

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

GEORGIA (300-319)

▲ - **SIGMA EPSILON, TRI-ESS**:
Sigma Epsilon, P O Box 272, Roswell GA 30077
Monthly meetings.
The Southern Belle
☎ Helpline: (404) 552-4415

TV/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION**: AGE, P O Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357
Modeled after Phoenix Transgender Support Group in Asheville, NC. Non-sexual and member-operated. Membership open to anyone with a gender concern, families, friends. Meet twice a month. Screening before attending first meeting. One-time $25 screening fee, and $5 per meeting.
☎ Helpline: (404) 875-9846.
Atlanta Gender Chronicle

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute,
P O Box 33311,
Decatur GA 30033; Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.
☎ (404) 603 9426
MM & PI Monthly newsletter, *Insight* a quarterly magazine for and about TSs.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS,
P O Box 33724,
Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN).
Professionally managed support group and national nonprofit clearinghouse for information about gender dysphoria. Referrals to professionals and support groups, and to individuals, following the Standards of Care; case management; consulting; speakers' service.
Helpline: (404) 939-0244.
Chrysalis Quarterly, transition booklets, bibliography, J2CP, Janus, and Erickson Foundation materials.

FLORIDA (320-340)

TV/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE**:
GING, Gail Driaper,
Referral service for those persons whose spiritual worth is more than their sexual orientation who need professional help in the Gainesville, FL area. Quarterly meetings. Donations to defray expenses. Now a member of the United Way Referral Service of Gainesville. Potential members interviewed as to their needs.
☎ (904) 332-8178

TS - **FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.**: P O Box 141133,
Gainesville FL 32607
Referrals to medical doctors for SRS, psychologist, electrologist, etc. Monthly meetings. Distribution of legal/medical/social information for TSs. Post-op F-M TS offers consultation. "We deal in solutions, not problems." Meet each month on the second and fourth Friday. $5 per meeting. Must be screened by directors. Members are in counseling.
☎ (904) 462-4826
INSIGHT

▲ - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS**: P O B 3261,
Winter Park FL 32790-3261.
Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups. Interview required.

TV/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood,
Group meets twice a month to discuss common problems, share experiences, and network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding. Interview required.
☎ (407) 425-4527

TV/TS/SO - **SERENITY**: P O Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022;
Meetings the third Friday each month at the Metropolitan Community Church, 330 SW 27th Street, Fort Lauderdale.
☎ (305) 436-9477
Newsletter.

TV/TS/SO - **ANIMAS**: P O Box 420309, Miami FL 33242.
Group meets the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 pm in a safe, anonymous atmosphere to exchange problems, triumphs, fashion ideas, and beauty tips. Outside consultants in fashion and image are available.
A periodic newsletter

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY**:
P O Box 22742,
Fort Lauderdale FL 33335-2742
Group meets for one business meeting and one social meeting a month. Interview required.
☎ (305) 791-2476(Bob)
Newsletter.

TV/TS - **VENICE TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP**: Chrissie P. Humphreys, 944 Rialto,
Venice FL 34285
Meetings the second Friday each month. Must be ladylike and no drinking. Referrals.

TV/TS - **STARBURST**: P O Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664

Open support group for the transgendered community. Meetings in St. Petersburg. Interview required. Meetings the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-11:00pm. Outside events in addition to meetings occur from time to time. Interview by member of Board required.

Butterflies

☎ (813) 527-1012.

C.O.P.E. CENTER, INC.:
COPE, P O Box 607, DeFuniak Springs FL 32433.
Clyde E. Trautloff, MA, CAP, CAS
Program Manager.

Private, not-for-profit mental health center. Individual, group, and family therapy for those with issues around sexuality. Rap groups and individual problem solving.

COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC.:
Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, 3530 First Avenue North, #209, St. Petersburg FL 33713

Board certified sex therapist & clinical supervisor; board certified clinical sexologist; licensed clinical social worker & licensed marriage and family therapist; life clinical fellow, American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. Private, confidential service providing counseling or consulting for transgendered persons and/or their partners. By appointment only.

☎ (813) 327-1672

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162;
Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist,
Adele Kates, Director.

Transsexual voice change and gender identity. Includes: body language, make-up, fashion, hair styling, female communication patterns. By appointment.

☎ (305) 651-6442.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING
2999 N.E. 191 St., Suite 607
Aventura FL 33180 Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT

Board Certified Sex Therapist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical psychotherapist who has been working for fourteen years with gender identity issues. The Center is now starting a group for TV/TS. Individual and group therapy.

☎ (305) 936-8000

TAMPA STRESS CENTER:
4023 N. Armenia Ave., Ste 220, Tampa FL 33607
Carl W. Bushong, PhD

A private service providing counseling for crossdressers, the gender conflicted and their significant others where dressing poses a concern. Counseling, evaluation and support for TSs and their significant others. Referral and guidance of appropriate individuals for hormonal management and transition.
All services by appointment.

☎ (813) 872-8631

ALABAMA (350-369)

▲ - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA-SOUTH, TRI-ESS:** P.O.Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Contact: Lisa Jackson.

Monthly meetings relating directly to the crossdresser and their family. Membership includes subscription to the monthly newsletter. There is a mandatory orientation program.

The Continuum

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.
Montgomery Institute, P O Box 3361, Montgomery, AL 35109
Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery.

TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the southeast region. Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Screening required of clients. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

☎ (205) 272 -2726

TENNESSEE (370-384)

TV/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** P O B 92335, Nashville TN 37209

Meetings on the second Saturday of the month at a private location in the Nashville area. Write or call to be interviewed.

☎ (615) 664-6883 (voice mail).

Monthly newsletter

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

Support group serving the Memphis metropolitan area. Inquire.

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite #4, Memphis TN 38104-2402

Group meets on fourth Saturdays at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1486 Madison. Doors open at 6:00pm, and there is a room to change in. Contact Rev. Prowett for information.

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD:
175 Bill Jones Road, Jonesborough TN 37659

Psychiatric/medical practice devoted to gender and sexuality concerns. SRS evaluation, hormone treatment. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards.

☎ (615)926-1177 ext. 7709

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

▲ - **BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI:** P.O. Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253
Lee Frances, Secretary

☎ (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs).

Premiere

KENTUCKY (403-427)

TV/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY**: LGS, P O Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458

Educational social and support group regardless of sexual preference or orientation. Meet on the second Saturday of each month Invitations to meetings after screening.

☎ (812) 944-5570, Barbara
(502) 458-8028, Patti
(502) 966-8701, Lori

OHIO (434-457)

TV/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287

An open support group providing a non-threatening environment. Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Peer support. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell where you heard about us.

☎ (614) 224-1165

The Crystal Chronicle

▲ - **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053

Bi-monthly meetings. Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified officer.

Alpha Omega Outreach

CD - **PARADISE CLUB**: Paradise, P O Box 29564, Parma OH 44129.

Emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ at each meeting. Sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, makeup advice, a show, or other event of interest. Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible people. CDs must dress at meetings.

Paradise Tales

TV/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT**: Box 54657, Cincinnati OH 45254-0657

A support organization regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation. All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is rule.

☎ (513) 474-9557, Shelbi.

monthly newsletter

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201

Mental health hotline and service provider. Can provide individual counseling and mental health services as well as referrals about gender issues.

☎ 614-299-6600

INDIANA (463-479)

TV/TS - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220

Manners and common sense are expected of all at meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. IXE has a BBS.

☎ (317) 781-0834
(Indianapolis) Danielle
(812) 876-5635
(Bloominton) Gloria
(812) 398-6235
(Shelbyville) Holly

monthly newsletter

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: P O Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245.

Crossroads emphasizes friendship, support, and peace of mind of all. Formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250. Formal and casual social activities. Referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. Also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and

do considerable outreach work. Welcomes mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

☎ messages: (313) 537-3267.

Crossroads Chatter

TV/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP**: N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202; Justina Williams, President.

Support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee. Meetings are held at a safe location.

☎ (313) 842-5258

NGDO Key to Freedom

▲ - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area)**: c/o Tri-Ess, POB 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary).

Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN**: P O Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501.

Social, support, and educational group. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials. Membership confidential.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY**: c/o Tricia Marie Benton, P O Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770

Monthly meeting, newsletter, Partner's Support Group. Interview before attending first meeting.

Newsletter

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:
Sandra L. Samons, ACSW, CAC,
1480 Shevchenko,
Ann Arbor MI 48103

Individual and family therapist knowledgeable about gender issues. Day or evening times available. Leave message and your call will be returned.

☎ (313) 663-7871.

LEE PADULA, PhD
37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154

Licensed psychologist, marital and family therapist, certified sex therapist. More than ten years of experience working with CD/TG/TS/SOs and families. the gender community. Psychological evaluations for hormones and for SRS. Transition support in employment. Day and evening appointments.

☎ (313) 953-3333.

IOWA (500-528)

▲ - **IOWA ARTISTRY**: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406.

Support group for gender issues. MAGGIE affiliate. This is also the Iota Alpha chapter of Tri-Ess. Rap sessions, annual picnic, annual banquet, resource library, changing facilities, professional guests, and informational programs.

Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION**: 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802

Social support group for all genderists. Meets first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

☎ (319) 324-6941 from 6pm - 9pm.

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library.

The Transformer

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:
P O Box 12164,
Des Moines IA 50312
Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW

Counseling and support services for CD/TS and androgynous persons. Individual and group activities. Referrals.

☎ (515) 277-7754

WISCONSIN (530-548)

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:
Pathways Counseling Center,
2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230,
First Financial Building
Milwaukee WI 53226-1304

A therapy program for M-F and F-M transgendered people. A complete program of emotional support, evaluation, psychotherapy, hormone therapy and reassignment surgeries. Follows the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care. Contact Gretchen Fincke, MSSW, or Roger Northway, MS.

☎ (414) 774-4111

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:
Great Lakes Gender Clinic
3250 North Oakland Avenue,
Milwaukee WI 53211
Charles A. Kiley, ACSW, CICSW

Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior. Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

☎ (414) 332 5407

MINNESOTA (550-567)

TV/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION**: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117.

An open service and peer support group for transgender persons, their significant others, and interested persons. Services' listings for members. Interview required.

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s **BETA GAMMA, TRI-ESS**: Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408.

See Society for the Second Self, Tulare CA.

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY: CLCC, P O Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55416

Monthly meetings. The group provides a comfortable social setting for crossdressers to meet like-minded folks. Orientation is not considered.

Interview before coming to the first party.

☎ (612) 229-3613

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP OF MINNESOTA**: P O Box 13659, St. Paul MN 55113 phone (612) 653-7936.

Referrals and support in conflict with public or private agencies Interview required.

TS - **NEW MEN AND WOMEN OF MINNESOTA**: P O Box 6432 Minneapolis MN 55406-0432 phone (612) 220-1920.

Meetings, referrals.

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DISTRICT 202:
2524 Nicollet Ave. So.
Minneapolis MN 55408.

Safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth to be with peers.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality,
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454

A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's *Standards of Care*. Administered by the Department of Family Practice and Community Health, University of Minnesota Medical School. Eli Coleman, Ph.D., LCP, Director, Walter O. Bockting, Drs., LP, Coordinator. Comprehensive evaluation, gender dysphoria is clarified through psychotherapy. Services include an ongoing psychotherapy group for sex reassigned transsexuals; psychological services for families and friends, evaluation and treatment of gender dysphoric children and adolescents, complete physical health care.

☎ (612) 625 1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:
Program in Human Sexuality,
Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health,
U. of Minnesota, Medical School,
1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180,
Minneapolis MN 55454.

In collaboration with the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the Aliveness Project, the Program in Human Sexuality offers an HIV/AIDS education-prevention program for crossdressing, transgender and transsexual persons and their partners. In addition, the Program provides psychological health care and support for transgender persons with HIV/AIDS.

☎ (612) 625-1500,
Fax (612) 626-8311

NORTH DAKOTA (570-577)
SOUTH DAKOTA (580-599)
MONTANA (590-599)
ILLINOIS (600-629)

▲ - **CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS**: POB 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040.

Social activities, a support group for wives

and girlfriends, a help line, library, speakers' bureau, and co-sponsor of Be All You Want To Be weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

☎ (708) 364-9514

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TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY**: The Sunday Society, P O Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647 Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder.

Outreach and support organization. Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month. Operate a BBS. Telephone interview or previous contact required to attend meetings.

☎ (312) 486-3125, (312) 252-7024, Sheila L.

TV/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY**: CGS, P O Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657

Social and educational support group. Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, .

☎ (312) 434-5445

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TV/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION**: CIGA, P O Box 182, Washington IL 61571

Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday. Interview required.

☎ (309) 444-9918; contact: JoAnn .

Monthly newsletter

RONALD B. BARON, MD
2120 Sheridan Road,
Highland Park IL 60035
Private practice of psychiatry. Medical psychotherapy; sex therapy; psyciatric consultations.
☎ (708) 432-7007

MISSOURI (630-658)

TV/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION**: St L G F, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117.

MAGGIE affiliate, A social support group for all. Meets monthly in a private, social atmosphere at a leading hotel to provide support, shared professional knowledge, confidence building, and fun. Changing facilities, makeup workshops, clothing exchange, guest speakers, library, professional referral, occasional events. Club business cards, and a membership directory. An SOs group meets for professionals and significant others.

☎ Voice mailbox: (314) 997-9897. Please leave contact information.

Gateway Femmes Gazette,

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Non-prisoners contact DEE FARMER, 23288037, P O Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. PATRICIA FISHER, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6

Education, advocacy, and legal support.

Quarterly newsletter

TV/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE** (MAGGIE): c/o Jennifer Richards, St. Louis Gender Foundation, P O Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117

Coalition of five mid-American gender associations: St. Louis Gender Foundation, Kansas City Crossdressers and Friends, Iowa Artistry, Wichita Transgender Alliance, and Omaha River City Gender Alliance.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT**: Box 45124, Kansas City MO 64111.

Support group for people in transition, or who have changed gender and their significant others.. Provides services to F-Ms and M-Fs equally. Open to all sexual orientations. Meetings every other Friday evening. Contact Davina Anne Gabriel.

☎ (816) 753-7816

KANSAS (660-679)

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS**: CAF, Box 93, Overland Park KS 66214.

MAGGIE affiliate. Fall Harvest Weekend, regional conference with MAGGIE every fall. Social and educational support group. Meetings on the first Thursday each month. Business meeting/social night the third Saturday of each month. Partner support, Big Sister program.

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☎ (913) 791-3947.

TV/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE**: P O Box 315, Kechi KS 67067.

MAGGIE affiliate. Peer support group open to anyone regardless of sex, sexual preference, race, or religion. Bi-weekly meetings at a local church; small donation requested, but not required. WTA provides mutual support, social get-togethers, referrals to sympathetic professionals. Changing facilities, brochures. A chat with an officer of the Alliance required to ensure that you'd benefit .

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NEBRASKA (680-693)

TV/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE**: RCGA, P O Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680.

MAGGIE affiliate. Educational, support, and social group. Monthly meetings, a bi-monthly newsletter, referrals for professional counseling, personal listings, social opportunities, changing facilities, and library. Screening required .

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LOUISIANA (700-714)

TV/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE**: Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300.

Open support group. No longer a Tri-Ess chapter. Spouses and SOs invited to participate. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in New Orleans.

The Flip Side

ARKANSAS (716-729)

▲ - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' CONCERNS**: Linda Peacock, P O Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221..

Membership fee for wives/partners is $10 per year. This includes membership in Tri-Ess and subscription to quarterly *Sweetheart Connection.* An additional $25 is required if you also want to get the *Femme Mirror.*

SWEETHEART CONNECTION

▲ - **MU SIGMA, TRI-ESS:** , P O Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403.

See Society for Second Self, Tulare CA.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

▲ - **SIGMA BETA**: P O Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123

Social and support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their significant others, and families.

TV/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL**: C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

Social organization and support group . No one excluded for sex or sexual preference. Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

☎ (918) 582-6643/835-5334.

TV/TS - **DESIRE**: c/o Ms.Gwen Pete, P O Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104

For all sisters and spouses. Will answer all questions on femme males and personal problems. Suicide is not the answer. I know. Fee: be a friend to the needy.

TEXAS (750-799)

FTM - **RECAST EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL NETWORK:** ReCast, P O Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001.

FTM support organization. Interacts with psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and other professionals. Gives seminars on gender issues. Bi-monthly meetings, national FTM network. Referrals from other support organizations or physicians. Inquire on BBS.

☎ (214)641-4842, AaronDavis.

Newsletter

▲ - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER**: P O Box 1021, Arlington TX 76004-1021.

Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. **Help Me, Accept Me** discussion group meets on third Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

☎ (817) 429-1929

The Texas Rose

TV/TS - **WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE**: WTGA, P O Box 30413, San Angelo TX 76903-0413

Transgender support group. Meetings the second Saturday of each month in San Angelo, Texas. Personal interview.

Petticoat Junction

☎ (915) 944-1381 (after 7:00pm CT), Marlina Dawn Murphy

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: ICTLEP, 5707 Firenza Street, Houston TX 77035-5515

Annual conference in Houston, Texas each August. Useful to legal professionals, and of interest to laypersons. Continuing legal education credit hours available. Published Proceedings available. Write for more information.

TS - **TS-PEER SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Alice Webb, MSW, Atrium Crest Blg., 18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste560, Houston TX 77058

Peer support meetings in the Clear Lake area $5 charge for refreshments. Please

call before coming.

☎ (713) 333-2278

GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: GCTC,
P.O. Box 66643, Houston TX 77266
Formerly the Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, a social organization for the transgender community. Meetings every second Saturday of the month in the Houston area. Sponsors annual Fantasy Adventure Weekend. Screening required for new members.

☎ (713) 780-GCTC,
(713) 780-4282 voice

☞ *Gulf Coast Transgender Community*

TS/SO - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF TRANSSEXUALS**: TATS,
P O Box 142, Bellaire TX 77401.
Taylor Montgomery.
Guys' Social, Gals' Social, Combo Social. Must contact before attending.

☞ Newsletter

%(713) 827-5913 voice mail

▲ - TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI-ESS: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105.
Meetings the third Saturday of the month in the Houston area. **Wives and Partners Auxiliary** meets the second Friday of the month. **Boys R Us** meets monthly (meet male self) **Heterosexual Cross-dressers Anonymous (HCDA)** meets every Wednesday evening. Screening required for new members.

☎ (713) 988-8064 voice.

☞ *Femme Forum*

CD/SO - **HEART OF TEXAS**: HT,
P O Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, their spouses/partners, and families. Meetings on the first Saturday of each month. Spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS). Social activities and outreach program. Interview required before attending meeting. Mailings discreet.

☎ (210) 980-7788,
before 9:00pm CT, please.

☞ *Cross Currents*

CD/SO - **WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT**: WATS, P O Box 17,
Bulverde TX 78163.
A support group for women involved with transgendred men. Monthly meeting first Saturday of the month, 3:00pm. Names are confidential.

☎ (210) 438-7604,
before 9:00pm, CT, please.

☞ *Partners*

TS - **SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**: SATSG, P O Box 12913,
San Antonio TX 78212.
. Affiliated professionals available for help and support. Meetings the third Saturday of each month. Interview required.

☞ Monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY**: P O Box 700042,SanAntonio TX 78270-0042.
Peer support for people with any gender transposed nature. Meetings the first Saturday of each month, local referrals, outreach, reference library, sponsors annual Texas T Party, spouse/partner support through Women Associated with Transgendered Support (WATS), couples support, TS issues group. Screened prior to meeting attendance.

☎ (210) 980-7788 (live Wed., 7:00pm-9:30pm CT)

☞ *Gender Euphoria*

SOUTH-CENTRAL TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE REGION (STAR) CONNECTION: c/o Boulton & Park Society, P O Box 700042,SanAntonio TX 78270-0042.
Coalition of support groups in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Coordination of regional support group activities. Speakers' bureau, quarterly member support group information published, membership exchange program for participating groups, etc. Group representatives meet 3-4 times a year to work on regional issues. Group membership is voluntary and self-selecting. Open to all transgender support groups in the region.

Member Groups: Texas - Alpha Chi Chapter, Boulton & Park Society, Delta Omega Chapter, Gulf Coast Transgender Community, Heart of Texas Chapter, Heart of Texas Gender Alliance (NW), Tau Chi Chapter, Tri-Plex Gender Association, Women Associated with Crossdressers Support; Louisiana - Tri Delta Chi Chapter; Oklahoma - Sigma Beta; New Mexico - Fiesta Chapter.

TV/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE**: P O Box 14965,
Austin TX 78761
All enjoy full membership with equal voting rights. *Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.*-Camus. Monthly meeting in the Austin area. Personal interview.

☎ (512) 515-5460
Wednesdays 7-9pm

▲ - ALPHA CHI CHAPTER of TRI-ESS: P O Box 50266,
Amarillo TX 79159.
Monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month in Amarillo, TX area.

☎ (806) 359-7714, most evenings except Wednesdays and Sundays.

OAKLAWN PHYSICIANS GROUP: 4420 Stanhope Street, Dallas TX 75205-1665, Dr. George Carpenter, Director for Transgender Medical Therapy. Comprehensive medical practice, HIV specialized physicians, psychiatrist, psychotherapists, registered massage therapy, hypnotherapist. Care for crossdressing, transgendered, and transsexual persons and their partners. Complete treatment plans. Surgical referrals as indicated. Member HBIGDA.

☎ (214) 520-1810

ALICE WEBB, MSW, CSW-ACP
Atrium Crest Building,
18333 Egret Bay Blvd., Ste 560,
Houston TX 77058
Therapist formerly of the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch, in private practice in Galveston, Texas, now affiliated with Larry Nahmias, MD, and Blanca Diez, MD.

☎ (713) 333-2278,
Fax (713) 333-2293.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, Gender Treatment Program:
1103 Rosenberg,
Galveston TX 77550.
Formerly the Gender Clinic, University of Texas Medical Branch. Since the mid-70s professional services rendered to the transgender community throughout the Southern U.S. Subscribe to the *Standards of Care*. Support group meetings held so new and old clients can meet and share experiences. Treatment services are available to those not specifically seeking surgical intervention.

☎ (409) 763-0016.

COLORADO (800-816)

▲ - DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): P.O. Box 16208,
Denver CO 80216
A support/social group with monthly meetings and activities, addressed to the issues of the crossdresser and family. Established wives' network. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Screening interview before attending.

☞ *Femme Mirror*

TV/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.**:
GIC, 3715 West 32nd Avenue,
Denver CO 80211.
Educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. GIC provides information and education on the issues of crossdressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. GIC also provides a Speakers' Bureau and a 24-hour hotline. Long distance calls will be returned collect if you so indicate when you leave a message.

☎ (303) 458-5378.

TV/TS - **SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER OF GIC**:
Contact through GIC.
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Call for directions to the meeting.

☎ (303) 458 5378.

TV/TS - **NORTHERN COLORADO/WYOMING CHAPTER OF GIC**: Contact - Gender Identity Center,
An educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community. Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Call the Center for directions to the meeting place.

☎ (303) 458 5378

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:
Tomye Kelley, MA,
8972 Oberon Rd,
Arvada CO 80004;
Practice limited to work with CDs, the gender conflicted, and their significant others. Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Professional Speakers' Forum.

☎ (303) 420-9885.

WYOMING (820-831)

TG/TS - **CENTRAL WYOMING TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP**: 4820 South Ash, Casper WY 82601
Open TG/TS support group. Weekly meetings on Friday.

☎ (307) 473-2429

TV/TS - **WYOMING N.COLORADO CHAPTER, GENDER IDENTITY CENTER**:

Contact via the Gender Identity Center, Colorado
Call for information and directions.
☎ (303) 458-5378

IDAHO (832-838)

UTAH (840-847)

▲ - **ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS**: Alpha Provesta, P O Box 26711, Salt Lake City UT 84126.
See 'Society for Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

ARIZONA (850-864)

TV/TS - **A ROSE**: Address invalid at this time.
Social activities, meetings, educational programs.
☞ *A Rose News*

▲ - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS**: P O Box 24459, Tempe AZ 85285-4459.
A support group offering social activities, monthly meetings. Before attending, an interview with a chapter officer is required.
☞ *The Cactus Flower*

TV/TS/Gay CD - **SORORITY:**
Support group for the members, families and friends. No structured fees or mandatory dress laws. Inquire.
☎ (602) 293-3456

GENDER CRISIS HELP LINE-WORLD WIDE:: 3332 N. Romero Road, #13, Tucson AZ 85705. Karen Davies
Information and referral service for TS, TV, lesbian and gay communities. Free counseling and therapy. All calls confidential. Leave message.
☎ (602) 293-3456 night or day.

COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: Ginnie Grant, ACSW, PhD, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283,
Individual, family and small group counseling and education for all gender issues. Insurance accepted as full fee, sliding scale, available evenings, days, weekends.
☎ (602) 897-0444

SHEILA FRIEDEMAN, PHD:
3930 East Camelback Rd, #205, Phoenix AZ 85018
Clinical psychologist experienced in individual, couples and family TV/TS and gender identity counseling. Referrals. Uses Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.
☎ (602) 956-3006

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

▲ - **FIESTA! Chapter of Tri Ess**: 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109.
Social support group, the Phi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Monthly meetings in the Albuquerque area. Screening required for new members.
☞ *Fiesta!*

NEVADA (890-898)

TV/TS/SO - **JENNIFER & FRIENDS**: P O Box 1284, Sparks NV 89432.
Social support group meets once a month. Only members may come to meetings.

TRANSITIONS SUPPORT GROUP: Coordinator/facilitator Marty B.
Open support group for gender community, SOs, professionals. Meetings second and fourth Saturdays each month, 6:00pm, Community Counseling Center, 1006 E. Sahara, Las Vegas NV. Quarterly socials. Screening required.
☎ (702) 594-7884

CARING COUNSELING: Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502
Individual, couple, group and family counseling. Gender identity and sexuality issues, validation of individuality. One- or two-hour sessions.
☎ (702) 322-7771

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood CA 90028
Amanda Silvestri, Director.
Serving the transgender and tran-ssexual community, a confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, & newsletter.
☎ (213) 389-6938

▲ - **ALPHA CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS**: P O Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036, ask for Virginia.
Kymberleigh Richards, President, Virginia Prince Founder Emeritus.
Los Angeles Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, incorporating both the Sigma Chi and Lambda Alpha Chapters. Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual CDs and their wives/partners/families. Members are expected to join national Tri-Ess.
☎ (213) 876-6141
☞ *Alpha Bits*

TV - **ANDROGYNY**: Rachel Irving, P O Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90048;
Social and support group for those who crossdress. Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.
☎ (213) 467-8317 Shirley/ Sheila, (213) 856-4867 Rachel.
Mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm PT.

TG/SO - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS**: P O Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714-0816;
Outreach for TG people and their families. Group meetings, rap sessions, outings and seminars. Listings of books, tapes and organizations.
☎ (310) 869-4241, FAX 869-5662

TV/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** P O Box 14521 Long Beach CA 90803.
Private membership club for those who appreciate the drag scene. Once-a-month dance party with cover charge discounts for members. Can include discount with some merchants catering to TVs. Send SASE for details.

TV/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry #608, Long Beach CA 90806.
Sponsor open parties for ladies to come out and meet friends old and new. Everyone welcome. On the Scene Night the second Saturday of every month, and Fantasy Fetish Fashion Night the fourth Saturday of every month at the Queen Mary Show Lounge in Studio City.
☞ *TV Epic*

TV/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB**: CHIC, P O Box 562, Duarte CA 91009.
For heterosexual CDs only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners. Meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on makeup, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. Sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month. Meetings are for members and approved guests.
☎ Information/Speakers Bureau: (714) 993-7142.
☞ *CHIC Clippings*

CD/TS - **CD SOCIAL GROUP**: PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.
A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for information.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:**: PO Box 1897, Corona CA 91720.
Monthly dinner meeting with guest speaker for members of the gender community, their family and friends. Planned members-only outings from time to time. $40 per year. Screening required.
☞ *Born Free*

TV/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER**: P O Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112.
A self-help group to help its members live a normal and productive lives. Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, list of helping professionals.
☎ (619) 685-3696

TS - **PHOENIX RISING**: c/o Kristen Dixon, P O Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852.
A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages. Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

LADIES KNIGHT OUT:, P O Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713;
Heterosexual crossdressing couples' support group. Monthly BBQs, potlucks, and parties supplemented by outings to a variety of places for fun. Call or write.
☎ (714) 262-9105.

▲ - **OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA)**: P O Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.
Contact: Joan Goodnight.
Social support group. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA.

TV/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA**: PPOC, P.O. Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686.
Open social and support group. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Hosts annual anniversary and Christmas dinners. Sponsors annual weekend event in April/May, California Dreamin'. Founding member of Southern Cal. Gender Leadership Council. Interview by club officer is required.
☎ (714) 779-9013 weekdays 9:00 to 9:00 pm PT, leave message.
☞ *PPOC Girl Talk*

▲ - **TRI-CHI:** P O Box 194, Tulare CA 93275.
Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA

▲ - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF**: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275
Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Tri-Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, and chapters throughout the US. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to ensure that the applicant is heterosexual complies with Tri-Ess code of conduct.

☎ (209)688-9246

↬ *Femme Mirror*

TV/TS - **GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES**: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P O Box 6333, Santa Maria CA 93456.
GCA is an educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Local support group serving Central Califomia. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.
32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675
Wm. G. Heard, PhD, Director.
Program for gender dysphoric persons. Evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society. Program is permits the patient to explore altematives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

☎ (714) 240-7020

BRAD TAYLOR, MA
Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD
10350 Santa Monica Blvd Ste 310
Los Angeles CA 90025
Registered Marriage Family Child Counselor Intern. Works with couples and individuals on issues related to transvestism/crossdressing.

LOS ANGELES

GENDER CENTER: LAGC, 3331 Ocean Park Blvd Ste 100 Santa Monica CA 90405.
Marie Keller, MFCC
LAGC is a collaborative of mental health professionals who provide treatment for individuals and their families dealing with gender-related issues. Individual, family, group therapy and educational services related to CD/TS/,lesbian/gay/bisexual issues. Screening session with psychotherapist needed.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.:
Roxanne Cherry, M.A.,
343 3rd Street,
Laguna Beach CA 92651
Licensed marriage family child therapist. Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

☎ (714) 497-9925

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:
P O Box 2916,
Palm Springs CA 92263
Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director.
A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services. Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the cross-dresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Trans-gender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA(900-960)

TV/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO**: 504 Castro, Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588
Focus group of Queer Nation working through direct action for transgender liberation. Been transphobed? Give us a call , have a chat with your oppressors. Stay together. Check your buddy.

FTM - **FPSG**: #634, P O Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990.
Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY. Bi-weekly meetings dealing with crossliving, survival, legal matters, personal issues, etc. This is a welcoming and non-judgmental atmosphere. We support and respect men who live without hormones to men who are post-mastectomy, as well as gay, bisexual and straight FTM men.

TV/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION**: SFGI, P O Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602, Christine Beatty.
Maintains database of transgender resources for San Francisco Bay area. Maintains list of speakers for public speaking on gender issues. Database printout including bibliography for $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

TV/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, PO B 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486
ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, SOs, and friends. It is intended as a social /educational group, to meet and to have a good time as well as educate the public. ETVC has an open membership policy with over 400 members. ETVC and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

☎ (510) 549-2665
if no answer call Telzey at (510) 849-4112

↬ *ETVC Newsletter*

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, P O Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486.
Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the Significant Others of CD/TS. Meetings .

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DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS: DVG, P O Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885
Informal, social support group Meetings the first Tuesday and third Monday of every month at 8 pm, at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. DVG is an open group and welcomes all mature and responsible persons.

☎ (510) 849-4112

↬ *Devil Woman*

FTM/SO - **FEMALE-TO-MALE**: FTM, 5337 College Avenue #142, Oakland CA 94618.
Monthy support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others. Quarterly FTM nesletter $15.00/yr ($20 Inter.) Professional sub. rate $25.00/yr. FTM Resource Guide $5.00. Inquire.

TV - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS**: c/o Joan Sheldon, P O Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541.
For over 10 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves. Group security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

TV/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION**: RGA, P O Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170.
Formerly San Jose Chapter, GGA. Social/support group regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for all to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestites in an effort to help them accept , make peace with themselves. Visitors welcome.

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TV/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION**: SGA, Blue Rose Chapter, P O Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821-1456
SGA is a non-sexual membership-based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community. Membership is open to all interested persons regard-less of gender or sexual orientation. Monthly socials, support groups .

☎ (800) 585-7742

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TV/TS - **SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP**: Address invalid at this time.
JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual. Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTH STATE GENDER CENTER:** Address invalid at this time.
Social support group provides peer support and referrals to appropriate professionals for clients only. Call hotline for an appointment.

☎ (916) 529-2201

▲ - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA, TRI-ESS (Sierra Silver Bells):** SSB, P O Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151.
See, 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare CA.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA,
P.O. Box 6333,
Santa Maria CA 93454
Ms Tauria Linala,
Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program. Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based

on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

☎ (805) 922-1309...voice,
(805) 549-0961...data.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM:
GSAP, P O Box 424447,
San Francisco CA 94142
Gianna Eveling Israel, Director.
A private personal growth counseling program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, cross-dressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues. Short & long-term counseling, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale fee. Serving TSs, TVs, and other minorities. Provide professional counseling & training.

☎ (415) 558-8058

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:
191 Golden Gate Ave,
San Francisco CA 94102
We are an innovative, non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House. Training in peer counseling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counseling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' / 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

☎ (415) 554-0518

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D:
3637 Grand Ave., Suite C,
Oakland CA 94610
Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, crossdressing, gender role transition, couples issues, child abuse, dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, a sliding fee scale.

☎ (415) 426-0718 or 835-9820.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION
HBIGDA, 1515 El Camino Real,
Palo Alto CA 94306
Resource for professionals who work with gender dysphoric patients. Establishes the *Standards of Care*, the international guideline for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

☎ (415) 326-4645

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:
Address invalid at this time.
A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races. Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speakers' Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.
D Street Counseling Group,
610 D St.,
San Rafael CA 94901
Psychotherapist specializing in gender-related issues. Counseling Psychologist. Post-op TS (Jan. 1980). In private practice since 1984. Member of HBIGDA and Bay Area Gender Associates. I provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and make recommendations for hormonal therapy and sex reassignment surgery when applicable. Gender issues group work available and recommended.

☎ (415) 456-4452

JEANNE M. WEST: 450 San Antonio Road #50, Palo Alto CA 94306; (415) 494-2952.
Behavioral therapist. Experienced with the gender community. Private sessions confidential.

HAWAII (967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: HTGO, 1142 Auahi Street, Suite 3114, Honolulu HI 96814-3128
Social and support group . Bi-weekly meetings held at private location. Support groups, referrals, information.

☎ (808) 923-4270

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SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER:
SIC, Box 3224, Honolulu HI 96801-3224
Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

☎ (808) 926-1000

OREGON (970-979)

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, P O Box 4928, Portland OR 97208
A social organization serving the crossdressing community. The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all to attend as often as possible.

☎ (503) 774-8463

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ROSE CITY GENDER CENTER:
Address invalid at this time.
All functions are held at the Living Communion Church, 3830 SE 62nd (Between Powell and Foster), Portland.

☎ (503) 230-1036

TV/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:**
P.O. Box 3312, Salem OR 97302.
Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others. Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, makeup, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings. Individuals will be screened.

TS - **SALMACIS:** The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist;
Salmacis is a social support society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women. Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Salmacis meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

☎ (503) 688-4282
(Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST).

↪ *Femmes Together* and *The Equalitarian Feminist.*

TS - **SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network:** SALISHON, Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.
A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle. The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON (980-994)

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS:**
TLF, Seattle Washington 98103
Open to the gay and transgendered community as well. We seek strength through diversity. Meetings every Friday at 6:30pm. Call for location. Significant Others especially urged to attend. We plan monthly functions. There is no membership fee. New members are screened. Members must be drug and alcohol free.

☎ (206) 292-1037

CD - **EMERALD CITY:** P O Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103
The Emerald City is a social, educational, organization serving the crossdressing community. Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of crossdressers in obtaining understanding and acceptance. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored

☎ (206) 284-1071

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THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle WA 98122
Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counseling and referral service for the transsexual community in the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has eight experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service. Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

☎ (206) 329-6651

SEATTLE COUNSELING SERVICE for SEXUAL MINORITIES:
200 West Mercer, Ste 300,
Seattle WA 98119
Sylvie McGee, Director.
Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities dealing with a wide range of issues. Provides individual and group support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

☎ (206) 282-9314 Admin.,
(206) 282-9307 Support, information, referral.

ALASKA (995-999)

CD/TS - **THE BERDACHE SOCIETY:** c/o Nora Jean York, P O Box 92381, Anchorage AK 99509-2381.. Nora Jean York, Co-founder.
A social, organization serving the crossdressing and transgendered commu-

nity. Regular meeting schedule. Community service projects. IFGE fund raiser projects. Computer BBS. Alignment and participation with the local gay and lesbian community. Fun socials. Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

↪ *The Berdache Voice*

CANADA

TS - **ETRE FEMME;QUEBEC TRANSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.:** Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, P. Que., CANADA G1L 1Y2

French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M. Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TSs. Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

☎ (418) 529-1152.

TS/SO - **FACT - QUEBEC**: FACT, c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6.

Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation. Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the media and others.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISONS**ucc 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. : Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Distrib-ution Director/Canadian Regional Director,

Information network for incarcerated transsexuals, including transgendered persons as well. We provide referrals for medical, educational, and public facilities. Counseling services and working with the TS who is pursuing legal sanctions against their correctional facility with regards to medical care, education, and employment. Quarterly newsletter. All incoming mail is screened to insure that the individual is a person in need of the services offered.

TV/TS/SO - **CLUB MET (Formerly TAM):** Club MET, 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8

Social support group .Monthly formal meetings and various social activities. Bi-monthly bilingual newsletter.

☎ (514) 528-8874

↪ *Garter Press*

TS - **FACT - OTTAWA**: FACT, Box 9155, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1G 3T9.

Support group primarily for transsexuals. Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact FACT president through the Ottawa Gayline Arrange a time for a callback.

☎ (613) 238-1717

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT**: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9.

Annual membership fee. . Meetings held at 7:30 pm on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public. Inquire for details.

↪ *Trans News*

TV/TS - **CHRYSALLIS**: , Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2H 5A5.

Support group. Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, 7:00-10:00pm.

TV/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES**: SOS, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8

Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution. Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one .

☎ (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

TV/TG/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC** : P O Box 7421, Vanier (Ottawa) Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4

Social support group open to all. Meetings twice a month, parties at other times. First Saturday is an alcohol-free social. Frequent informal activities outside the club. Referrals, help line, quarterly newsletter. Membership $40 per year.

☎ (613) 749-5203

↪ *Notes from the Underground*

TV/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSERS' CLUB**: Canadian CDC, 161 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4

FUN for CD, TS, TG, SOs, friends, female impersonators, and drag queens. Parties every Saturday night. Space for storage and changing, private transformation room, and two over-night guest rooms. Located in downtown Toronto. Modest screening process.

☎ (416) 921-6112(24 hours)

↪ *CanadianCrossdresserMagazine*

PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER CLUB: P O Box 45091, Regent Postal Outlet, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2C 5C7 CANADA

Open,support, social and educational club with accent on fun. Club is just forming, so please correspond to learn of when and where meetings will be. Inquiries welcome. Modest screening process, filling in application form.

TV/TS/SO - **MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB**: MSC, Mississauga A, P O Box 386, Mississauga, Ontario, CANADA L5A 3A1

Social organization . Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service . Members receive *Crossdressers Resource and Survival Guide.* Sponsors annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the first weekend in October. Membership interview.

☎ (416) 949-6602

↪ Newsletter
Annual yearbook

▲ - **PHI SIGMA TRI-ESS**: Box 803, 6808 Ogden Road S. E., Calgary,Alberta,CANADA T2H 1B4.

Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Meets informally six times a year. See 'Society for the Second Self,' Tulare, CA. Inquire.

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:**Box2000,6808OgdenRd.S.E., Calgary,Alberta,CANADAT2C 1B4.

Social support group meeting twice a month.

↪ Bi-monthly newsletter

TV/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood PO, Edmonton,Alberta,CANADAT5P 4V8.

Social support groupmeeting twice a month. Bi-monthly newsletter.

↪ *Illusions*

TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia,CANADAV4P 1A4

Support group for transsexuals, including patients of the Gender Dysphoria Clinic in Vancouver, and individuals who have been referred to the clinic. Spouses and children are welcome, as are thosevisiting from other cities. Meetings held 7:00pm-11:00pm every Wednesday. Locations vary, so inquire for meeting place. By member referral and/or private interview with member. Our policy is to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

☎ (604) 536-2053

TV/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS**: P O Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C-5L7

Social support group. Bi-weekly meetings. Write for information. Private interview required.

TS - **ZENITH FOUNDATION**: 8415 Granville Street, Box 46, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4Z9

TS, TGs. Publishes educational and informational material. Group just forming. Referrals.

TV/TS/SO - **FOUNDATIONS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY**: FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5L 2R5 CANADA

Advocacy, peer counseling, education and awareness programs, weekly drop-in programs, monthly socials, referral services. Open organization.

☎ (604) 254-9591

TV/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY**: Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1.

Support group for heterosexual crossdressers and wives. Inquire.

GENDERSERVE
Address invalid at this time.

Counseling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls. Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television/ mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling/ therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC:
Clarke Institute of Psychiatry,
250 College Street,
Toronto,Ontario,
CANADA M5T 1R8.

Offers assessment and counseling for all gender dysphorics referred from any physician. Can include approval for reimbursement of re-assignment surgery upon completion of established international criteria. Full assessments done over a three-day period. Weekly therapy available for those in area, referals for those further away. Staff is available for public speaking.

☎ 416-979-2221, ext. 2339

GENDER DYSPHORIA CLINIC:
Vancouver General Hospital,
715 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, British Columbia,
CANADA V5Z 1M9.
Dr. Diane Watson, Director

Accepts referrals from the patient's general practitioner only. Patients must be residents of British Columbia. Staff includes two psychiatrists, an endocrinology consultant, a psychologist, a social worker, a nurse, two medical consultants, a speech-language pathologist and a coordinator. Psychiatric and psychological counseling, endocrinology, speech therapy. Thursday drop-in, 1:30-3:00pm. Several support groups work with the patients to decide appropriate course of action. SRS is not performed in British Columbia. Minimum of 12 months successful crossliving is required prior to consideration for surgery.

☎ (604) 875-4100

MEXICO

MORENA & ORTA GENDER ISSUES SPECIALISTS:
Acoxpa And. 51 #17 duplex 2,
Col. Villa Coapa, C. P. 14390,
Mexico, D. F. Mexico.

Counseling, research and education for transvestites, transsexuals, gender conflicted persons and their families or others. Individual and couples conseling provided by Board Certified Sexologists. Transgender, human sexuality, couple, classes, seminars and workshops. Total confidentiality.

☎ & FAX 673-53-12

ENGLAND

TV - **BEAUMONT SOCIETY**: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N 3XX England. Information 071-756-1782.

Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization forcrssdresserss throughout Great Britain. Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide. Interview with a qualified member.

The Beaumont Bulletin

TS/SO - **WOBS-THE B S PARTNERS GROUP:** BM, WOBS London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A support group for partners and families of crossdressers. Confidential support network with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help. Inquire.

TV/TS -**SEAHORSE SOCIETY:** BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A social organization for heterosexual transvestites and transsexuals, social events, etc. Confidentiality assured.

☎ Newsletter

TV/TS - **BEAUMONT TRUST:** BM Charity, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations. Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and family to come to terms with problems.

TV/TS - **THE GENDER TRUST:** BM GENTRUST, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND.

A help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual, gender dysphoric, or transgendered seeking to adjust their lives to live in the opposite gender. Help also available for family members. We can provide trained counsellors, psychologists, and psychotherapists, and there is a referral procedure to a choice of other therapists as well. Confidentiality assured.

☎ 071 730 7453 from
7-10pm Thursday(transsexuals)
7-10pm Tuesday(transvestites)

FTM/SO - **FTM NETWORK:** FTM, BM NETWORK, London, WC1N 3XX, ENGLAND

Social support group for female to male TSs. Quarterly newsletter, advice, referrals, occasional social events for F-Ms and their loved ones.

Boy's Own

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): BM, Box 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

A self-help group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual. handbook, and other relevant material. Confidential contact system for members.

☎ 0323 641100

dyscourse

TV - **TRANSVESTITE'S SELF HELP GROUP**: TSHG, P O Box 3281 London E1 6JG ENGLAND This new group for CDs has been formed by ex-members of the defunct TV/TS Support Group. Offers a comfortable place to meet, good changing facilities, refreshments, and regular social events.
%071 289 5240

TV/TS - **NEW TRANSESSEX**: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT

Social club. Meetings 4th Friday of every month. There is a quarterly magazine, and a help line. Inquire. Very secure.

☎ 0268-583761,Wed./ Sun.eves 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

Reflections

TV/TS - **LIVERBIRDS, MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP**: Merseyside TV/TS Group, c/o Friend Merseyside, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 5LX ENGLAND UK. D. S. Cochran, Secretary

See 'Beaumont Society.'

Above address is the Friend Merseyside, the local gay group. They are allowing us to use their place Fridays from 8-10pm. You would be well advised to call and confirm.

☎ 051 709 4745

Friday evenings only

TV/TS - **INTERNATIONAL GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY**: IGTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelly, Director, 1, Bank Buildings, School Green Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB.

An international network by mail and physical contact, serving front line community cases overseas, engaged in research, documentation, fact finding and rescue missions, linking Third World and politically endangered groups to free world groups. Education, information, active and exchange assistance, communication. No fees, but free will contributions needed and welcome. **Security** applicable to location(s). Free World Transgendered individuals not interested in, or able to assist with work, please try other more social groups.

TV/TS/SO - **THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester)**: Jenny Baker, , P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND.

Asocial and support group associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group. Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:30 - 12:00. Changing facilities, licensed bar. Accomodation available.

Cross Talk

TV/SO - **ROSE'S**: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND; 0742-342870.

A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up.' Regular social evenings 2nd Fridays, parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Full confidentiality assured. %0742 342870 or 0742 691444

Repartee

SCOTLAND

TV/TS/SO - **GRAMPIAN GENDER GROUP:** 3G, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND. 03398 83695.

Open to members of other groups. Third Saturday of each month except December, rooms open at 1pm for 2pm meeting, £2.00. Changing facilities or arrive dressed. Wives and partners welcome. Anne Forrester,.

The Tartan Skirt

☎ 03398 83695

TV/TS - **THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP**: address invalid at this time.

Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh, at 1.00 for 2.00pm. Meetings in Glasgow every second and fourth Monday from 7.00pm. Very conscious of the need for individual security. Wives and partners welcome.

☎ 031 556 4049 (7.30-10.00pm).

TV/TS/SO - **CROSSLYNX TV/TS GROUP**: Crosslynx, c/o SLGS, POB 38,Glasgow, SCOTLAND G2 2QF.

Provide help and support to all . No individual will be excluded because of his sexual orientation. Meets in Glasgow on the second Tuesday of each month from 7-10pm. For details call Strathclyde Gay and Lesbian switchboard, 041-221-8372. We are conscious of the need for security.

CD/SO -**TRANS-TRAP (SCOTLAND)**: Miss Julie Bradshaw, 30/1 Halmyre Street, Edinburgh EH6 8QD SCOTLAND. Tel 031-555 6416.

Crossdressing counselling and information service set up to help all CDs, their families, partners, and relatives with their problems. It is run by Julie Bradshaw, a transsexual, and her partner Douglas who is not a crossdresser but is involved with the welfare of the partners of the crossdressers. Counselling one-on-one or with the partner or relative if so desired. Utmost discretion. Referrals to other helping professionals if necessary or desired. Trans-Trap is a voluntary service and is entirely funded by donations from clients and friends. Postal clients please SAE.

IRELAND

BELFAST BUTTERFLY CLUB: P.O. Box 210, Belfast BT1 1BG N. IRELAND.

Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends. Meetings in Belfast on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Full program of activities.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Association

Beaumont Continentale, c/o Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.
See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings.

DOCTEUR DE FRANCE: Docteur de France, Chateau de la Frogerie, 45240 Ligny le Ribault, FRANCE. Phone: 38454100.
Sexologue.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: KFT, Postfach 6788, CH8023 Zurich, Switzerland.
Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

NETHERLANDS

TV/TS/SO - **DE STICHTING REBORN:** Maria Danneelserf 10, 2907 BD CAPELLE a/d IJSSEL, NETHERLANDS.
Social support group . Meeting once a month in a private apartment on the second Friday, 21.00-02.00H. Small shop for clothes and accessories. Smaller meetings twice a week. Immanuel B.de Vries.

☎ 010-4503469

Newsletter

STICHTING NEDERLANDS GENDER CENTRUM: c/o Ms. I. E. Neumann, Borssenburg 24, 1181 NV Amstelveen
Coordinates contacts between other groups. Mainly works on behalf of transsexuals.

WERKGROEP (H)ERKENNING: Caroline and Aloys Hulshof, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands
Self-help group for (ex)partners , parents and other relatives of transsexuals.

STICHTING EDE: Bennekomseweg 160, 6871 KJ Renkum, Netherlands
Self-help group for female-to-male transsexuals, emotionally.

Newsletter.

STICHTING OMD: P O Box 24, 4844 ZG Terheijden (NB), Netherlands
Independent social service for gender dysphoric persons.

VERENIGING L K G T & T: P O Box 11575, 1001 GN Amsterdam, Netherlands
Open gender dysphoria group. Monthly regional meetings in various areas. , P O Box 13500, 2501 EM The Hague, Netherlands.

Transformatie

TRANSSEXUAL CONTACT GROUP VIRGIN: VIRGIN, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands
TS support group. Friends and relatives welcome.

WERKGROEP FACET: c/o Rode Kruislaan 61, 5628 GB Eindhoven, Netherlands.
Self-help group for (married) couples where gender issues are a problem. Phone counseling man-to-man or partner-to-partner.

GENDERTEAM AMSTERDAM
Prof.dr. L.J.G. Gooren, internist/endocrinologist, Dept/ Endocrinology/Andrology, Free University Hospital, P O Box 7057, 1007 MB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
Professionally managed gender program based on the Standards of Care, administered by the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam.
Presently treats about 1100 clients. The program provides intake, screening, diagnosis, hormonal treatment, surgery and follow up.
☎ (31)(20)5489111 ext. 199, Fax (31)(20)5487502

NEDERLANDSEVERENIGING HUMANITAS: Ms. P. Klene, P O Box 71, 1000 AB Amsterdam, netherlands
Helps TS. Phone assistance by trained volunteers.

GERMANY

TV/TS - **TRANSIDENTITAS**: Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY
Support group for transvestites and transsexuals. Inquire.

☎ 069 8001008

TV - **TRANSVESTITENGRUPPE**: c/o MANNEGE, FRIEDRICHSTRASSE 165 (HAUS DER DEMOKRATIE) 10117 BERLIN GERMANY
Support group for men who like to crossdress. Counseling, monthly open meetings every first Monday at 7:30pm at the above address, rap sessions about gender issues, and politics for a non-sexist society. Formerly known as MANNER IN FRAUENKLEIDEN.

☎ 030 208 21 57

TS - **TRANSSEXUELLENGRUPPE IN DER SEKIS BERLIN**: c/o Uwe Klaassen, Albrecht - Achilles Strasse 65, 10709 Berlin, GERMANY
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm.

☎ 030-345 36 81

TS - **VIVA TS-SELBSTHILFE MUENCHEN e. V.:** VIVA Muenchen, c/o Simone-Yvonne Budzyn, P O Box 710232, W-8000 Muenchen 71, GERMANY
Self-help group for M-to-F and F-to-M transsexuals. Regular meetings in Munich on Friday 2. (only male), 4. (all female and male), and Friday 5. (only female). There are reports on operators, physicians, therapists, and psychiatrists. We have an annual summer party and aXmas meeting. Write for more information.

☎ 089-7916643 (18-18.30 h, please speak German).

▲ - **FPE-FRANKFURT**: c/o Infrmationszentrum für Männerfragen e.V., Sandweg 49,D-60316 Franfurt am Main, GERMANY
Affiliated with Tri-Ess. Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 20:00-23:00h in Frankfurt. Personal interview before attending.

☎/FAX (069) 4950446

TRANSIDENTITAS e. V.: Postfach 10 10 46, D 63010 Offenbach, GERMANY
Frankfurt, meetings every second Wednesday, 8:00pm, Nachbarschaftszentrum Westend Uhlandstrasse 50 (back building) 60314 Frankfurt/Main.
Selbsthilfegruppe Magdeburg im KOBES Magdeburg Klosterhof la.
Offenbach meetings third Wednesdays, 8:00pm at Selbsthilfe-Nachbarschaftszentrum Ostend Uhland Strasse 50, Frankfurt/Main.
Koblenz at the Coming Out every Monday 7:00-9:00pm.
Hannover every Tuesday at HOME-Zentrum, Johannestr. 8, Hannover, from 7:00-9:30pm.

NORWAY

TV - **FPE-NE**: Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1, NORWAY.
An organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. A private library for members. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

SWEDEN

TV/SO - **FPE-NE**: Box 11107, S-500 11, Boras, SWEDEN.
See F.P.E. Northern Europe. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden. Meetings the first Wednesday of each month. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

TV/SO - **FPE-SWEDEN**: Box 529, S 10130 Stockholm, SWEDEN
Monthly meetings to offer support to heterosexual crossdressers, their partners and families. Weekend functions. Contact system for members. Experienced speakers for college, university and radio appearances. Private interview with qualified member.

Feminform

FINLAND

TV/TS - **SETA**: P O Box 55, SF-00531, Helsinki, FINLAND
National Organization for Lesbians and Gay men in Finland. Can refer members of the gender community to support groups and helping professionals, where around the country. Meetings for TVs the second Thursday of the month, and for TSs on the fourth Thursday, from 7-9 pm. at Oikokatu 3, Helsinki.

☎ (9)0- 135 8303

DENMARK

FPE-NE: Boks 192, DK-2600, Glostrup, Denmark.
See, 'Beaumont Society,' in the England listings. Monthly meetings.

TURKEY

TRAVESTY/TRANSSEXUALLE: c/o Demet Demir, Lao 176/D.S., Kultur Je Sanat, Siraselviler, Taksim, Istanbul, TURKEY.
A group represcnting TV/TS of Turkey, but DO NOT mention the name of the group on the envelop. Communication is best in German, French, or Spanish.

☎ 157 8925

TV/TS - **SEXUAL LIBERTIES**: Use the above mailing instructions for Travesty/Transsexualle c/o Iskendar Savasir.
This group represents all sexual minorities in Islamic countries. It has a representative from each minority group. Includes a representative from the above community.

PAKISTAN

TV - **KHUSRA OF PAKISTAN:** Muhamid Aslam Khusra, Ex-Candidate, PF-34 Abbotabad, c/o Hockey Stadium, Abbotabad, Pakistan.
Since Khusra means "transvestite" or "eunuch," this group is not underground.

☎ code 05921 6158leave message, or 05921 2858.

EASTERN EUROPEAN REPUBLICS

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY OF LATVIA: Elga Remes, Director, Jurmala, -15. P O Box 17, 2015 LV, LATVIA.

Networking TV/TS/TGs in the western republics of the former eastern bloc. Filtering news, exchanging data, contacts, referrals, etc. Information exchange, reduced rate services and equipment supply, in respect of soft - currency of the country. Free-will donations of clothing/shoes/wigs/breast forms welcome. Agencies at discount if it can be arranged. All and any academic material contemporary about TV/TS to educate their authorities, media and the proletariate.

Phoenix Rising

RUSSIA

TV/TS - **ICE AND FIRE MOSCOW**: Margaret Mankevich, 678190 Aihal, Yakutia, Gagarina Str No 28, Flat No 3, RUSSIA. Telephone 11.19.

Support group with a TV secretary in Moscow networking with other cities in Russia. Working to locate, identify and list Russian TVs/TSs suffering in prison/asylums to refer to Amnesty International/IGTA for world attention.

Write directly to Margaret Mankevich. **DO NOT USE GROUP NAME OR TITLE ON ENVELOP.** Do not enclose hard currency. Donations can be made through European account. Inquire for serial number. Any and all educational material about gender issues, academic interest from the world, active aid and financial donations. Overseas aid to publish a magazine. A trust fund to assist passage for TS operations in Europe. Network assistance to accomodate and work in Europe. Written invite still needed from abroad before any Russian can travel.

JAPAN

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB**: 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-Ku, Tokyo 136, JAPAN. Telephone 03-3683-6092 (Kameido Club).

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. Located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine every other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH CLUB:** 1-1-9 Kujo, Nishi-Ku, Osaka 550, JAPAN.

The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya. We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with make-up and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members.

Queen

TS - **ELIZABETH NAGOYA SHOP**: 1-13-15 noritake nakamura-ku, Nagoya-shi 453 JAPAN

See Elizabeth Club listings above.

AUSTRALIA

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INC.**: The Secretary, Box 146, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2538, AUSTRALIA.

The Seahorse Society, Inc. is a social organization for CDs and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership. The Society has subsumed the Flamingo Association. Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Weekly and monthly meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters. Lending library and guest speakers. Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar organization.

TV/SO - **SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND**: Seahorse Club, Denyse Stewart, PO Box 628, Gympie, Queensland 4570, Australia.

Details of activities not yet available.

TV/SO - **THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA**: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne 3001, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

The largest continuously active club in Australia. A social/support organization for CDs and their families.

We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Seahorse Victoria

THE FLAMINGO ASSOCIATION: No longer active.

TV/TS/SO - **CARROUSEL CLUB**: c/o Lana Allen, Box 721, Cowandilla, South Australia 5033.

Social support group. Various functions and social events in private homes and public venues as well. Interviewed by an Executive Board member before application is processed. Care is taken to protect the security of all members at all times.

TV/TS - **THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT**: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia

A self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting. Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

☎ 369-2613

Nu-Scene

TS - **WEST AUSTRALIAN TS SUPPORT UNITY PRIDE**: WATSUP, P O Box 771, Doubleview, West Australia 6018 AUSTRALIA, mail to be marked, Attn: Lee-Anne.

Support for TSs, their family and friends. To lobby towards legal changes in West Australia. Fortnightly meetings, social nights, newsletter, $10 joining fee. All members sign a non-disclosure and confidentiality form.

TRANSPERSON'S SUPPORT GROUP OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA: P O Box 229, Belmont, Western Australia 6104, AUSTRALIA

CD - **CHAMELEON SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**: Loretta Strange, P O Box 367, Victoria Park, Western Australia 6100.

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NEW ZEALAND

TV - **HEDESTHIA:** Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

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La Femme

TV/TS - **THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE/NEW ZEALAND**: Transcare New Zealand, 106 Witako Street, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT Wellington, NEW ZEALAND. (Miss Leone Neil.)

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On TOPs

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Fanfare

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TV/TS CONNECTION: The Connection, 2197 S. K.K. Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207.

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CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison WI 53715.

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SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave., Minneapolis MN 55426-1843.

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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND: P O Box 7421, Ottawa (Vanier), Ontario CANADA K1L 8E4, (613) 749-5203.

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Bi-monthly newsletter about gender issues by members of the gender community and helping professionals.

TRANSFORMATIE, P O Box 13500, 2501 EM, The Hague, Netherlands
Information and discussion magazine on transvestism and transsexualism.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: 4F Daisan Kosei Building, 3-27-3 Kamazawa, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 130, Japan.
Publisher of *Queen* Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices vary with exchange rates.

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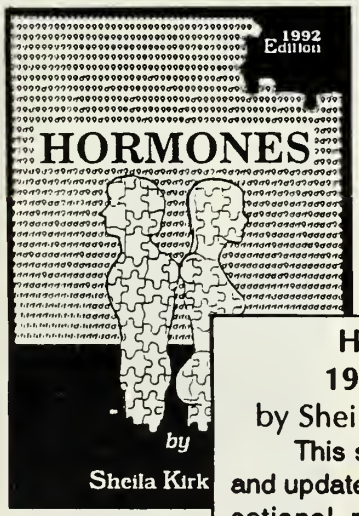

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SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-67)
SBiWM TV, 37, 5'10", 170, easy going, clean, understanding, safe, and sincere. Interested in dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships. "I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine. Would like to correspond with other TVs, TSs and understanding women to improve my attire, femininity, etc. Honest relationships considered."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(E MA-P-M1648-K0121-69)
Member of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 51, 5'10", 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out developing the ability to pass in public and blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TV friendships who are sincere and have the same interests."

MICHELLE LANGE
(E MA-M1008-K0071-68)
MWM, 45. "Enjoy the domestic scene from the servant's point of view. Would correspond with others who enjoy the

same. Collect and write stories on experiences and fantasies, and would like to share them with others who enjoy this lifestyle. Correspondence must be light, fun, interesting. Please, no S&M or B&D."

DIANE D.
(E MA-M1776-K1939-67)
5'9", 175, married with children. Interested in MacIntosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion. "Would love to hear from other married TVs who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"

MARGARITA AMANDA R.
(E MA-P-M1815-K1964-67)
Participant Coming Together '90, '91, '93, Be-All '88,'89', 90, '91, Texas 'T' Party '90, '91, '92, '93, Esprit '92. Single, 5'10", young looking and thinking. Interested in geography, history, science, photography, classical music (including opera), camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, feminine attire, riding the Boston T crossdressed, skiing, and PEOPLE. NON-SMOKER. Live alone on North Shore of MA. "WRITE--I'll eventually answer."

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND
(SE MA-P-M1923-K2160-68)
"Tall, well built, attractive. Love dressing up and going out dancing, etc. Enjoy jogging, skiing, tennis, golf, fishing, photography, video, writing fantasies. Married with children. 5'11", 170 (14), killer legs. Prefer seductive fashions, cocktail dresses, flippy skirts, etc. I like jewelry. Like to make contacts in upstate NY, MA for get-togethers, day trips."

JENNIFER W.
(MA-P-M1941-K0027-67)
WM BiTV, 40, 5'11", 170. "Love to dress and go out. Would enjoy meeting and writing TV/TSs and understanding women. Love to hear from you. Photo appreciated."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-69)
"Caring and nurturing CD, love high fashion, but am learning everyday feminine appearance. Seeking the spiritual and emotional side of the transgendered experience. Would love to meet understanding and supportive women. Active in building our community, advocating a political agenda that builds human and civil rights for the gender community."

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-67)
Married with supportive wife. Just 40. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember, have only recently begun to move through the fear and guilt. Like to correspond with individuals or couples traveling the road to acceptance. Have adopted the name Joy because that is what I hope to find with acceptance."

MARIE ALLEN
(E MA-M2729-K4412-67)
5'9", slim. Interested in feminine things, see below. "After makeup, and before a wall length mirror, I sometimes dress from the skin out in my own personally designed pure silk lingerie, and then don a filmy silk dress. Seeing myself become an extremely happy silk-clad woman enables me to attain an incredible sense of peace and joy."

JENNIFER M.
(SE MA-P-M2585-K3754-69)
35, 5'10", WM, bi-TV, TS tendencies, brown hair, brown eyes. Interested in meeting others. "Have been crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy being feminine. Would like to hear from TV/TSs. Send photo and phone number so we can get together. Will return all letters."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-67)
MWM, 6', 190, mid 40's, wife knows, understands, but not in her presence. "Two years in therapy and now a group has enabled me to accept myself for what I am. But, I have yet to have a full dressing experience. Need encouragement. Need direction. Need friends."

JOAN RYDER
(E MA-M2841-K4747-69)
Member TCNE. 37, 5'11", 150. Dates intelligent, caring, old-fashioned gentlemen who enjoy dining, theatre, and the finer things in life.

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-70)
Member TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. "Coming our step by step. I invite you to join me to share support and friendship. Is the understanding and acceptance of this duality a spiritual path? Will share living space with compatible person on North Shore."

ROBERTA STEEL
(MA-P-M3247-K6429-67)
Member CT Outreach Society, TCNE. 6'5", 20, 49, firmly married TV. Interested in steam engines, model railroading, dress making, a Western Mass TV/TS support group. "On way out of closet and enjoy expressing my femininity rather than suppressing it. Like to hear from TV/TSs, especially those who would like to get together as a group in Western Ma"

KEVIN M. (MA-M3277-K6457-67)
29, attractive, SWM. Interested in bicycling, hiking, camping out, sports, and history. "Former gender dysphoric empathetic to transsexual issues. Seeking TS for permanent relationship."

JULIE P.
(MA-P-M3491-K7205-67)
Member of Sunshine Group. MWM, 31, 5'7", TV. Interested in photography, music, shopping. "Love being feminine. Wish to get out with others for dining and fun. Also enjoy correspondence and photo exchange w/ TV/TSs. Please write."

CAROLYN K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-67)
TCNE, AXA, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5",

135, narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, home-making, dressing and engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, and secure social interaction. "Single and date. Await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

JULIE O. (MA-M3632-K7085-68)
40, 6'2", 150, BiDWM, natural feminine features. Interested in photography, music, girl things, to overcome anxieties, total femininity/serenity. "Having a loving BiGG friend has freed my real feminine self. The transition is next. I love life and wish to share support of just becoming another woman in the world."

ROBERTA STANLEY
(MA-P-M4064-K8798-67)
TCNE, 5'8", 160, size 14, brown eyed brunette, 50, married, teenaged boys. Interested in skiing, sailing, reading, correspondence and indulging my femininity by dressing up, dining out, shopping, etc. "Lifelong CD, cautiously emerging, eagerly learning, loving every minute. Simply wanting to appear as an attractive lady enjoying her femininity. Let's share experiences and grow together."

VICTORIA ANN A.
(MA-M4174-K0360-67)
Member of Sunshine Club. 34, 6', 185, brown eyes and hair, pre-op TS. Interested in photography, music, shopping, movies, girl talk, cooking, sewing, dancing, and quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity. Please write, will answer all."

JERRY F. (MA-M4257-K8166-67)
Attended Nightlife. MWM TV. Interested in art, music, dancing, Buddhist philosophy, psychology, nursing. Into fun, friendship & good conversation. "Looking for friendship & support from the TV/TS community within the Boston and Haverhill area. Especially seeking those with supportive spouses."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029-)

CAROL L. SUNDERLAND
(RI-P-M1413-K0250-68)
Blonde, 5'9", 157. Interested in backgammon, reading. "For the last nine years I have lived and worked as a woman. My goal is to inform others about the methods I used to achieve silent passage."

ANDREA K.
(RI-P-M1771-K1934-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in SF, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. "I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER
(RI-P-M2207-K2655-70)
Participant Coming Together. 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Interested in reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts. "Like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Starting a support group in RI."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038-)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-P-M0731-K0277-69)
Silly post-op female transsexual. Interests are computers, reading, music and all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential* newsletter.

ANNE MARIE B.
(NH-P-M0844-K0302-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Age 81, M, retired physician. Interested in music (flute), wildlife, woodworking, computers. "Crossdresser for more than sixty-five years, out in public many times, years ago. Now an old lady and contented home-body. Wife accepts, but takes no joy in my seeking of a feminine image."

KERRI R.
(NH-P-M1095-K0294-68)
Attended Coming Together '90, '91, '92, Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Tiffany P'town Outing '88, '89, '90, '91. TCNE Rep in Congress of Representatives, IFGE Marketing Coordinator, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee. DWM, 6'1". "Proud of my duality, and glad to be a part of our community. Enjoy meeting old friends and making new contacts."

RACHEL E.
(NH-M3760-K8206-68)
MWM, 5'4", 10 petite, late 40's, feel 30. Love Porsches, skiing, diving, beach days, step aerobics, and fashionable clothes. "Just recently discovered IFGE, Tri-Ess and am at the nervous but excited stage over the possible outside ventures. Really need other CDs to talk to RIGHT NOW. Letters, photos absolutely responded to in kind.

JOANNA C. ROBERTS
(NH-P-M4062-K8794-67)
Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 34, in good shape and can pass reasonably well. Interested in horseback riding, cooking, and computers. "Have been dressing since age five, but only recently found *Tapestry* and that there are others like me! Would like to meet others to talk about exploring feminine side."

KELLY JEAN DOMOUNT
(NH-M4423-K9669-69)
WM 5/10", holding at 39. Medium build, brown eyes and hair. "In love with dressing and being who I was born to be. Interested in gardening, fishing, shopping, and TV literature. Passable 'NOT.' Need a tuck here and there. Will correspond with TV/TSs, men and women who find our community interesting."

CAREY CLARKE
(NH-M4441-K9688-68)
Member TCNE. MWCD. "Only able to express feminine side in last couple of years. Love to help people. Professional business counselor. Interested in computers, bicycling, Tai Chi, being Carey. Would love to correspond and meet if you'd like. Letter/photo/phone gets same. Love to hear from all."

MAINE (038- 047-)

LYNDA ANNE V.
(ME-M3007-K5262-69)
Member TransSupport. Interested in writing, classical music, singing, romantic novels, flowers, boating, shooting, and

swimming. "TranSupport and publicly speak on gender dysphoria. Have crossdressed since early age, often out in last thirteen years. Seeking girlfriends in mid-coast area or lower ME with whom to correspond, dress and/or travel."

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Transsupport. MWM, 39, 5'8", 127, 12, hetero CD since age 3. Wife tolerant, but non-supportive. Out since October '92. Vegetarian, don't smoke /drink/drug, spiritually inclined. Interested in outreach and education about TG, transcendental meditation, theatre, writing, fine arts, architecture/interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, corresponding.

MARGARET E. C.
(ME-P-M3764-K8224-68)
Member Transsupport. MWM, CD, 5'5", 140, brunette (most of the time), 14. Professional, advanced degree, interested in aviation, military history, historical re-enacting, vintage clothing, traditional crafts. "Have loving, wonderful, understanding wife. Been dressing since age 10. Love soft, elegant dressing. Secure in masculine life with much feminine incorporated. Would like to hear from others in northeast and NB.

CATHERINE B.
(ME-M3945-K8512-69)
STV/TS, 40s, 5'10", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Lifetime TV. Love to go out dressed, but hard to do here. Enjoy camping, hiking, woodworking, and carpentry. Would like to find employment as caretaker, maintenance and housekeeper. Looking forward to developing TS body, mind and spirit. Seek friendship, relationship with TS, GG."

JESSIE B.
(ME-NP-M4039-K4282-70)
Divorced TG, 40s, 5'8", 160, br/bl. "Live at home as a woman. Typical Piscean—very worldly, very spiritual. Love the Buddhist goddess Tara. Enjoy corresponding and tasteful mail. I'd love to hear from women, TG/TS/TVs."

VERMONT (050- 059-)

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-69)
Member Sunshine Club. "Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the northeast who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

CARLA GOLDSNIDER
(CT-N-M0212-K0374-68)
SWM, hetero TV, 5'10". "Love to crossdress, meet others, especially couples for girl talk and friendship. Been dressing since I can remember. Please, no long correspondence. I live alone in a small house in the country."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-67)
Married, 51, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. "Would like to develop friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."

DAWN H. (CT-M0858-K0377-68)
MTF pre-op TS in transition. Attended Fantasia Fair '84-'91, Coming Together '90. 5'10", 150. Very sincere and caring person. Interested in sewing, '50s & '60s music and cars, water skiing, boating, quiet times with someone special. "Would like to meet others to explore friendship and femininity."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-NP-M1490-K0368-70)
Member Tiffany Club, Connecticut Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, early 50s. "Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine crossdressers for correspondence or possible get-togethers."

CAROLE STEPHENS
(CT-P-M1799-K1954-67)
Member Tri-Ess, COS. Attended Poconos '90. 56, 6'1", 190, hetero MWM, wife understands. Interested in aviation, outdoor sports, crossdressing/shopping, writing TV stories. "Outplaced exec looking for business that can include CD interests. Enjoy realistic CDs. Want to meet CD artists to illustrate TV fiction. Like to help emerging CDs, especially lower Fairfield, Ct. area."

RACHEL F. BOYCE
(CT-M1903-K2205-67)
Member Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. Participant Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together. 6'2", married, 2 adult sons, wife supportive. Interested in music, dancing, dining, shopping, and movies. "Love to dress for shopping at major malls. Have attended movies, theater and restaurants while fully crossdressed. Will answer all."

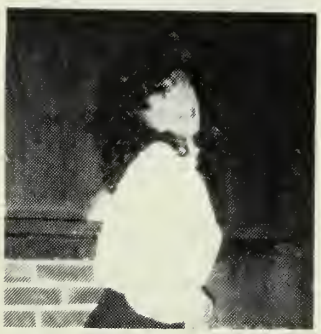
RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-68)
Member of TCNE. Attended Fantasia Fair '88-'91, Tiffany Club Spring Outing, Awards Banquets '89-'91, Miss Provincetown, 1991. 64, 5'11", 180, MWM, hetero TV. Supportive wife and daughter. "Just love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out for days at a time, shopping en femme. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of crossdressing and being Ramona."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-67)
Member Connecticut Outreach Society. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, mid-40's. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. "Have been dressing fully since early 20's, but just beginning to experience the best this life has to offer. Looking forward to helping others and making life a total experience."

JOHANNA B.
(CT-M3759-K5153-68)
TV, 50, 6'6", brown hair, green eyes. Interested in classical music, computers, movies, *Star Trek*. "Love all things feminine, still in closet. Looking for a supportive SO. Would like to meet and correspond with tall CD/TVs (6'5" or over).

Love my femininity, and wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

JACKIE ELLIS
(CT-NP-M3301-K6560-70)
Member COS. WTV, mid-40's, tall and slim, passable but shy. Loves to go out dressed and take photos and videos. "First love is dressing up. Would like to correspond, swap photos, meet other TVs."



CANDY L.
(CT-N-M4163-K8949-67)
5'10", 170, young-looking 35-year-old, passable and playful single. Interests, volleyball, golf, computers, dining, movies, dancing. "Desire to meet understanding woman, possible relationship."

MARIANNE GIBSON
(NW CT-P-M4331-K5757-68)
SWM TV, 5'10", 165, 56, member COS. recently out and happy"Very shy, but happily feminine. Love classical music, painting, quiet times, non-linear thinking, and catalog shopping. A photo and a nice letter from other TV/TSs, especially in my region, would be very special. I would love to respond."

STACI H.
(CT-NP-M4520-K4199-69)
Member COS. Statuesque 6'2" CD with supportive spouse. "When my wife caught me wearing her Maidenform, she ran out of the house to buy me my own! As a woman in a previous life, Staci traveled around the world in a USO troupe during World War II. Nuts about heels."

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

ELENA LEWIS
(NJ-N-M1200-K0417-68)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. S TV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive, demure, affectionate. Active in NY area gender community. "Enjoy meeting mature minded men. Prefer local contacts only. No smokers, please. Enjoy dining, music, many cultural activities. Can advise other sisters."

JOANNE MICHELLE W.
(NJ-P-M2944-K5064-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Bi SWM, pre-TS, 36, 6'3", 195, brown eyes/hair, never married. Interested in everything female, malls, romance novels, writing, quiet nights with a good friend. "Open minded, sincere, pass well, want to hear from other TS/TVs and GGs to help me be the woman I am. Need a kind reassuring friend to get out of the house . Very shy."

JULIE C. (NJ-M1460-K0452-69)
MWM, 5'10", 30's, brown hair and eyes, thin. "Love dressing pretty, especially in high heels. Enjoy music and meeting others like me. I also enjoy travel, especially P'town. Would love to go out more, all I need is a little encouragement. My wife helps as much as she can, but a friend would help a lot more."

PAMELA G.
(NJ-NP-M3070-K5682-69)
MWM, 22T. "Lifelong CD. I particularly enjoy the styles of the '50s and '60s, but anything with ruffles and lace will do. Someday I'll look JUST LIKE Donna Reed. Enjoy writing and swapping photos. I'd like to meet CD/TS/GG from Bergen, Passaic or Rockland County."

BABS C.
(NJ-NP-M3219-K6211-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Eulenspiegel Society. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. MWM. Supportive and understanding loving wife. "Enjoy fine art, music, standard bred horses, tennis, and of course going out and doing everything en femme. Starting electrolysis. Began shy and submissive, developing confidence. Like to hear from married TV/TSs."

DONNA R. (NJ-M3270-K4353-68)
MWM, 40s. Interested in developing more of feminine self, lingerie and corresponding with other members of the gender community. "Would like to develop friendships with other CDs in NY-NJ ."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-NP-M3297-K6553-67)
Member MOTG. 130, size 9, young, brown eyes and hair. TS on hormones and evolving into what was meant to be: a pretty woman. "I enjoy spending time with my friends dancing, shopping and fashions. Starting to pass and it feels great. Correspondence welcomed."

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-70)
MWM, TV, 44, 5'11", 175. "Married TV with supportive wife. Attractive and feminine when dressed. Wish to meet other TV couples for friendship and socializing. Can travel or entertain. Let's dress together. Photo appreciated. Single TVs also welcome to write."

DORIS C. (NJ-M3643-K7840-68)
5'7", thin, cute, well-educated, good writer. "Since dressing in younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction to dressing in teen and pre-teen clothing has only gotten stronger. Would love to write all with similar interests. Were you forced to dress as a child? Will answer promptly and trade experiences."

CHARLET S.
(NJ-M3653-K7879-68)
Member Crossdressers International. Hetero, S, 51, 215, 5'10", hazel eyes. Interested in fashions, TV/TS publications, lingerie, and heels. Been to Paradise in the Poconos, Coming Together '93. "Haven't been out dressed. Seek TV/TS friendship and get-togethers in the NYC area. Will write or phone all who respond promptly. Please, no sex letters, no men."

JIOVANNA ALEXIS TOWERS
(NJ-NP-M3678-K7998-70)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network, AEGIS. Ultra-feminine, open-minded Sagittarius pre-op TS (type VI Benjamin Scale). 5'7", 135. "Enjoy modeling, glamour, makeup, hairstyling, astrology, cooking, dance music, parties, Club Edelweiss, and Madonna. On hormones since July '92. Enjoy corresponding with the gender community, and women encouraged. No men please. Host get-togethers in my home."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-N-M3777-K8249-69)
Attended Poconos Week End, Be All. 160, 5'10", SWM TV. "Mature professional, live alone. Only hobby is being as feminine as I can be. Love to share girl-to-girl experiences with other TVs. Love to entertain, but also free to travel. Just drop me a line."

LINDA MARIE C.
(NJ-P-M3864-K4739-68)
24-year-old single girl. "I love to express my inner self through my womanhood. Recently discovered *Tapestry* and have started to correspond with other sisters. Will write to all. Please include a photo that I can treasure. Love you all!!"

JANE T. (S. NJ-M3487-K7209-70)
MWM, hetero, 6', 195, 50. Closet inhabitant. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, rubber, B & D. "Into manufacturing B & D gear. Will write to all!"

STACY R.
(NJ-P-M3870-K3467-69)
Member Metropolitan Gender Network. Attended March on Washington, Paradise in the Poconos (spring '93). Type 4 TS (Benjamin Scale), independent thinker, compassionate, bright, easygoing and sober. Interested in transgenderism, environmentalism, growth healing, reading, hiking, music, Tai Chi. "Will respond to all. Especially need to hear from other nonsurgical transsexuals."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-72)
MWM, hetero, 55, 6'1", 200, blue eyes, TV border TS. "Wife has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which pains me. Have crossdressed since age five with mother's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed up like the person I want to be. Will reply to all letters."

MARILYN MASTERSON
(NJ-P-M3949-K8505-69)
MWM, bi, 5'11", 34, educated, shy, full-figured. "New girl on the block and would very much like to learn and experience more about this wonderful lifestyle. Love everything feminine and sexy from short skirts and heels to sexy lingerie and teddies. Want to correspond with others and make new friends. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

BAMBI P.
(NJ-P-M4098-K5668-67)
F-M seeking men only! Wants very masculine bi or gay genetic male. "I'm 5'3", over 45, classic writer-type. Easy going and educated."

CHRIS C.
(NJ-P-M4266-K9042-67)
SWM CD, 27, 5'6", 128. Professional. "Interested in meeting a single genetic female for companionship and possible relationship. Am very athletic and sports-minded. Other interests include rock music, reading, going out to dinner and the movies."

JENNIFER DELMONTE
(NJ-NP-M4437-K9678-68)
Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Very passable SW TV, 36 who adores everything feminine. "Interested in quality people including TV/TS/GG and men. Also love high heels, silk, and heart-shaped lips. Sensual and provocative fem seeking to meet friends and playmates who enjoy the third dimension of human sexuality."

GILBERT A.
(NJ-P-M4370-K8128-68)
SWM, 30s, seeks transsexual female for one-to-one relationship. Send Photo. "I'm from New Jersey, a comedy promoter. Can you relocate or travel?"

DENISE B.
(NJ-NP-M4471-K8267-69)
MWM hetero CD, 37, 5'7". Interested in shopping, cooking, being feminine, being outdoors, computers and boating. "Have been dressing for as long as I can remember, and can pass in public. Looking for friendship, someone to talk to and help develop the feminine side."

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-66)
Member Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. "Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CAROL TAYLOR
(NY-P-M0428-K0617-68)
Member TCNE. MWM, forty-something, very feminine, discreet, lifer, shaved, smooth, intelligent, articulate, gorgeous, fabulous figure (natural 34C), good correspondent, modest, fun. P'town twice a year. Wife supportive. "Enjoy letter and photo exchange, any feminine topic. Special interest in bras, breasts and feminine figure development."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. "If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

RENEE' SLOCUM
(W NY-M0651-K0649-68)
Member CD-Network. SWM, 5'11", 160, hetero, 34, college educated. Interested in photography, ballet, R and R oldies, antiques. "Like to hear from CDs in Geneva and Finger Lakes area. CD for over 20 years. Not passable, but enjoy private feminine get-togethers. Like to hear from women interested in CDs."

ANGELA S.
(W NY-P-M0719-K0615-67)
Member EON, TVA. Participant Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together. Awards EON Pioneer Award. 5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-68)
Member Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, and being outdoors. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it."

JODIE PAULINO
(W NY-M0973-K0653-67)
Member Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess. 44, happily married 20 years, 2 children. Interested in home video, photography, cinema, gardening, swimming. "Membership coordinator of Rochester CD Network where I enjoy meeting and helping new members. Told wife in '86. She accepts need, but doesn't participate. Dressing is an enjoyable change, a yin to complement my yang."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-67)
Member LIFE, Chi Delta Mu. Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (published in *Femme Mirror* & *Femanne*, editor *Lifelines*), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

SHELA S.
(NY-P-M1344-K0599-67)
Attended Provincetown Outing '88, '92. Divorced bi-TV with TS tendencies, 5'10", 160, mid 50s, work out regularly. "Love classical music. Enjoy learning to pass and becoming fast friends with CDs, TSs, men. Want to learn every nuance of performing as a woman so I can live as one for extended periods. Love to date."

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-70)
Member EON. 5'10", 185. Interested in outdoors, reading. SWM. "Love the total feminine look. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY and northeastern PA."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-70)
Member TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 54, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-67)
DWM, 41, 180, dirty blonde. Interested in women's fashion, dressing and makeup, health and fitness. "Dressing since early childhood. Enjoy conservative clothes, heels, etc. Strong TS feelings."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-70)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria and I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine and I am very proud. Class and dignity are my life and tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

JUDY II. (NY-M1920-K2200-68)
Member of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, SF. "Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image, etc."

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-68)
Member of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. "Love music, humor, Broadway poetry, writing & corresponding, talking and being a woman."

JOANNE S.
(NY-NP-M2375-K3117-69)
50ish lifelong CD. "I got into Mom's clothes as a preteen, and have never gotten out. I am a professional with advanced degree. I love reading, writing, and travel. Will answer all who write, especially downstate NY sisters."

JENNIFER B.
(LI NY-P-M2441-K3429-67)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'9". Interested in metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions.

Trying to become computer literate. "Wife supportive. Seek meetings and correspondence with TVs/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and bondage fantasies. Am basically a caring sensitive person."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM, hetero CD. "Enjoy the prissy girly feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, and party dresses. Still looking for the one real understanding gender woman in my life."

JANET LANG
(NY-P-M2539-K3709-67)
SWM, 43, 5'9", 160, non-smoker, TV. Possibly bi. Soft-spoken feminine, discreet, attractive dresser. Interested in current events, electronics, reading, sewing, malls, TV-TS publications, lingerie, and heels. "Seek women or passable TS's for friendship, dating, shopping, traveling as girls, and girl talk. Will date as a man, or could date a man. Prefer Queens, Long Island area."

MICHELLE MARTIN
(NY-P-M2834-K4740-69)
W NY single TV, 28. Interested in fashion, music, friendship, passing. "Life-long TV. Caring and understanding. Starting to get out more as Michelle. I enjoy corresponding with others and making new friends."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-67)
Member of Tri-Ess.

SHARON ANN STUART
(NY-NP-M2848-K4761-70)
Member Lambda Chi Lambda, Tri-Ess. Attended Dream, '70s, Miss Congeniality 1976. Vice Chair IFGE Board of Directors, Member of International Conference on Transgender Law, Director of Military Law Project and Bill of Gender Rights Project. Married, 6', 165, 53. "CD since age four. Out since 1968. Go out often. Enjoy writing fiction and poetry."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-68)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM with a very supportive wife. I have dressed all of my life. Interested in movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange letters and photos with those who enjoy all things feminine. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk!"

JILL DIAMOND
(LI-NY-P-M2852-K4771-69)
SWM, 48, 5'7", 140, very passable. "Engaged to a supportive friend. I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire or evenings out on the town developing my femininity. I've been out of the main stream for a few years, just now getting back into the flow. *The best of both worlds.* Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and their mates. Travel extensively."

EMILY C.
(NY-NP-M2966-K5109-68)
MWM, hetero, supportive wife. Enjoys family, cooking, crafts, full expression. "Love to correspond and exchange ideas and experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters in the community. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

BRENDA V.
(LI-NY-P-M3089-K5695-70)
Member: LIFE. SW, 43, 5'9", size 16, dedicated TV. "Suppressed for too many years, etc. Thrilled to be Brenda. Love to go out, learning to pass. Love classic career-type appearance. Feel the need to experience and learn from all you wonderful people. Looking for pen-pals, friends, outings, girl talk."

SHELLY TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3173-K6035-67)
Member TGIC. 55-year-old hetero male living in the capital district. "I'm very comfortable with my feminine self, but only have a chance to be Shelly once or twice a month. Travel to Conn. and would love to her from and meet other interested singles or couples. Photos appreciated."

ANGELA MARTIN
(NY-P-M3252-K6426-70)
Member CD Network. SWM, forty-something. Lifelong CD. "Wrote and published, *Remember Hercules,* positive thoughts for CDs. Creative Viet Nam era Veteran. Actively working personal growth program."

BEV M. (NY-P-M3253-K6394-67)
5'8", 170, brown eyes. "Enjoy most sports, camping. Bi novice. Like to meet people around MA, NY, VT border. Like high heels, hosiery. Love to exchange photos."

SHARON HAYES
(NY-P-M3292-K6543-67)
MWM, hetero, CD, 5'7", 155. Interested in music. "Now retired. Wife supportive. We are looking forward to attending our first event together."

RACHEL H.
(NY-M3435-K6763-67)
32, 5'8", 130, hazel eyes, black hair. Interested in art music, history, etc. Attending college for travel and tourism. "Not interested in labels or labeling, just

enjoy being feminine whenever I can. Not able to travel now, but enjoy communicating by letter, life and dreams."

JANICE G.
(NY-P-M3316-K6587-67)
Member CCDC, Rochester CD Network, Erie Sisiters, Nu Phi Chi. Fantasia Fair '91, IFGE '92, Be All '92. S CD, 40, 5'6", 150, involved with a few support groups, enjoy getting together with friends, or going out alone. Not passable, but haven't let that stop me. Other interests: *Star Trek*, Sci-F/ fantasy, astronomy, hiking, American history, music."

JEAN TAYLOR
(NY-P-M3375-K6723-67)
Member CDI, LIFE. Attended Texas T '92. Married, CD/TV, 50's, 120, 5'6", with tolerant, understanding wife. Interested in SCUBA, skiing, shopping, and dining en femme. "Love to make and meet new TV friends all over USA & Canada.. Love to travel, correspond, swap pictures."

STELLA ARNOLD
(NY-P-M3434-K6031-67)
SWM, TV, 39. Member of LIFE. Interested in bowling, dancing, music, and model railroading. "Looking to meet new friends all over. TV/TS/GGs welcome. Will answer all."

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. "Would like to hear from people who live near me on the eastern end of Long Island."

MONIQUE DEVEREUX
(NY-P-M3609-K7691-72)
Member of LIFE. 5'10", 160, 30's. Single. Active in NYC and LA area. Active on Compuserve CB & Genderline. "Love going out everywhere and anywhere, especially shopping, dining, the theatre, clubs, and dancing. Especially interested in meeting understanding women, but will correspond with all."

VICKI M.
(NY-P-M3674-K7974-68)
30's, 5'10", 16, 170. Interested in Victorian antiques, photography, fashion, making videos. "Love elegant surroundings and clothes, bridal gowns, formal wear from the 40's and 50's, satin, velvet, as well as 'career wear.' Have lots of clothes I'd like share with others, but need help with makeup, wig. Would love a maid to help me."

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-69)
Married, 5'11", size 11 on good days. Upstate. "Love having fun! Lucky to have super supportive wife to enjoy all with. Do NYC, P'town, Phila., New Hope, Poconos. Like to meet fun couples who do these areas. Keep smiling. See you there!"

JAYNIE JILL G.
(NY-P-M3776-K3786-69)
Member LIFE. 5'11", 12/14T. "I enjoy writing girl talk to my sisters about life, adventures, clothes and being more feminine. My travels take me around the US and overseas. I'd like to share with you as others have shared with me. Hobbies include writing a column in *Lifelines*, music and being more feminine."

DONNA SINGLE
(NY-P-M3791-K3141-68)
MWM, 40's, 5'9", TV. Interested in tennis, camping, hiking, computers, shopping. "Love lingerie, corsets, passable TV, bi-TV. Would love to meet other TVs for talk, support. Will answer all who write."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10", 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking and corresponding. A wonderful world of beautiful people and experiences have helped me greatly to discover much about myself and happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey and growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing and having fun."

KATRINA E. RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-69)
Member Rochester CD Network. MWM, 39, 5'10", 240, BA. Interested in photography, model railroading, racquetball, cooking. "After lifetime of guilt, am finally coming to grips with the enjoyment of having a feminine part of my existence. Love to correspond with anyone to share experiences and friendship. By being happy with myself, I've grown, hope to continue with the help others."

LOREN C.
(NY-P-M3826-K0236-68)
MWM, new at crossdressing. "Love dressing as a woman, high heels, tight corsets, long nails, leather things, feeling sexy. Want to explore bi feelings. Wife supportive. Interested in some fetich and bondage. Would like to meet passable TV to help me learn more. Answer all who send photo."

ERICA H.
(NY-NP-M3937-K8489-70)
Member LIFE, COS. "Well educated, well balanced, transgendered, professionally employed, safety-minded feminist. Enjoy Fashion, shopping, modeling, Nightclubs, spurts of cross-living, socialization with good-girl-friends. Correspondence nationwide, occasional travel, 5'10", 38B-30-37, 12-14."

PETER L.
(NY-P-M4077-K8801-67)
SWM, 39, 5'1", 120, brown hair/eyes. Interested in computers, movies, some sports. "Looking for a TS for a long lasting relationship. Race doesn't matter. Will be loving to the right one. Please send photo. Will answer TVs as well."

DANIELLE IANELLI
(NY-NP-M4085-K7847-74)
"Am considered shy, but have many good qualities. 32. Strong TS tendencies, enjoy my feminine side. Dress up as often as possible. CD since age 4. Love to travel, take in a ball game, read a good novel and strive for total feminization. Want to make friendships within the TV/TS community."

RACHEL W.
(NY-M4097-K8907-67)
5'7", 34, CD. Interested in sports, walks, cooking, sunsets, and dressing. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TS or understanding women. Will answer all who write. Photo appreciated."

ANN BELMONT
(NY-P-M4130-K8866-67)
Wealthy Westchester, NY matron. Interested in attending ballet, reading, writing novels and poetry, photography, company of women, and, most of all, fashion. "Professional executive (CEO of own company), 49 and holding. Will correspond and give business and fashion tips to real ladies, and to want-to-bes. Motherly type, warm, gentle, compassionate."

JULIE MILES
(NY-NP-M4131-K8924-70)
SWM, 24, 6', 150. "I enjoy reading all forms of literature, especially those about TV/TSs. I love sports and music. Very interested in shopping, passing, and all things feminine. I love to correspond and exchange photos. I try to answer all as quickly as possible. Buffalo area."

TINA A. (NY-P-M4215-K7354-67)
Member TGIC. Attended Provincetown Outing '93. 52, 5'3", 145, white hair, blue eyes. Divorced TV living in both genders. Performing folk and jazz musician. Motorcyclist, also rides as Tina. Other interests: people and life. Answer all sincere letters."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-68)
S hetero, 40s, 5'7", 170. "Seeking female or TS friends who are sure of themselves to assist me in becoming a new woman. I am quite unsure of myself. Like to travel. Not into sex, only femininity and fun."

SHIRLEY P.
(NY-M4185-K4316-67)
Buffalo/Amherst area, 50ish, 5'10", 175, married, closet type. Graduate degree, extensive wardrobe (business and provocative), domesticated. Enjoy music, Britcoms, computers, mysteries, exercise. "Can entertain and dress only during the day. Dream of being a secretary. Love jewelry, high heels. Working on makeup. Share photos/phone. Would escort TVs as male date."

ELAINE DAVIS
(NY-M4304-K2947-68)
6'2", 180, SWM, 46. Interested in cooking, photography, flying, motorcycles. "Hetero CD for 15 years. Attracted to and like to hear from CD/TV/TS, genetic women. Not out of closet. Let's talk girl talk, especially lingerie, hose, heels and makeup."

NICOLE DANEÉ A.
(APO-M4402-K8900-68)
MBM hetero CD, 5'11", 160, 40, 12. Interested in audio, video, sports cars, high fashion clothing. "Married to non-supportive wife. Not able to express my feminine side due to job requirements. Like to write other CDs to gain insight into my feminine feelings. Advice on clothing, makeup, poise for taller woman sought."

VIRGINIA PETERS
(NY-P-M4422-K9659-68)
"Love the total femme look. 50 plus, SWM, 5'9", 14-16. Am becoming more comfortable with my new self and am starting to venture out. Would love to find a GG to enjoy and share both parts of my life with. Please enclose picture when you write. My response will be quick."

CAROL LEE
(NY-NP-M4457-K4432-68)
SBM, mid40s, 5'10", 162. Interested in movies, shopping, board games, dining out. "Would like to meet other CD/TSs, passable in NY, NJ or CT, or understanding woman who enjoys the above. Prefer articulate, intelligent individuals."

ALEXIS B. YOUNG
(NY-NP-M4466-K9156-69)
Member LIFE. Early 40s, S, 5'10", 135, brown hair, hazel eyes, with feminine figure. Interested in music, movies, electronics, dining, nightlife, walks, and bicycling. "Would like to correspond and meet with serious TV/TSs for girl talk and possible long-term friendships in local areas of New York City and LI."

JACKIE B.
(W-NY-NP-M4501-K9737-69)
Member Nu Phi Chi. 6'0", 42, blue-eyed blonde, long legs. "Like soft music, fishing, being my femme self. Educated, lifelong TV. Would like corresponding with others with the same interests. Love dressing up on the wild side. Exchange photos and experiences. Seeking TV/TS in my area. Please send photo."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

ROBIN FREY
(E PA-P-M0932-K0729-67)
Member Renaissance. 43-year-old pre-op on hormones. Interested in boating, hiking, and sun bathing. "Pre-op TS would

like to meet Mr. Wonderful so I can be the housewife I long to be. Need help for surgery. Can relocate. Anybody interested in opening a TV/TS boutique in Philadelphia area?"

DAVIDA T.
(E PA-M0944-K0692-68)
SWM, 43, shy and discreet. "Enjoy meeting other mature friends for dinner dates and quiet evenings to share my femininity. Thank you to those who have helped me out of the closet."

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-67)
Member of Transpitt, Crossroads, TCNE. Attended Be All, Spring and Fall Provincetown Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up and going out to events, dinner, malls for shopping, and making friends.

ALISON LAING
(E PA-NP-M1242-K0733-70)
Founding member Renaissance Education Association, past National Managing Director now Director-at-Large, Chairperson of Congress of Transgender Organizations, Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '92, FanFair Miss Congeniality '86, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Site Selection Chair. Conduct voice and other workshops, wrote *Speaking as a Woman.*

REBECCA SUE M.
(PA-P-M1357-K0711-68)
"Retired professional WM mid-sixties, a long time CD now coming out of the closet. Love being feminine. Looking for person who is can provide a safe haven for several hours in daytime on a monthly basis in the suburban Philadelphia area so I can dress and in privacy. Will generously compensate that discreet person."

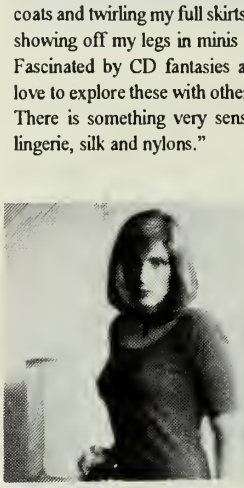
MARYANN KIRKLAND
(E PA-P-M1531-K0450-70)
Member Renaissance Education Association. Attended IFGE '90-'93, Renaissance Woman of the Year, '90. MWM, early 40's transperson. Wife is supportive. Interested in public outreach, college speaking visits, television shows, newspapers, personal letters. "Closets are for clothing, not people. If you would like to make this statement a fact of your life, write to me and my supportive wife."

HARRIETT N.
(PA-NP-M1623-K0668-70)
Member TransPitt. "Recently reached Big 50! May try gray wigs soon. 6'1", 14T. Hope to own Tall Girl Shop someday. Enjoy out of town meetings for shopping and fun. Like to pass, but also enjoy erotic and exotic clothes and TV tales. Collecting books and will trade."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-K1880-67)
Member TransPitt, Paradise. Participant: 'Be All'. 5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

CRAIG SAMSON
(E PA-P-M1977-K2548-69)
SWM, 6', 35, with dark hair and blue eyes. "I am a masculine and well muscled male. I own a small construction business. Seeking that special TS for a true and caring relationship. Will also respond to very feminine TVs. Please reply with photo. Will try to answer all."

ROBIN F.
(W PA-P-M2020-K2429-69)
SWM, mid-forties, 6', 180. College educated professional. "Enjoy dancing in petticoats and twirling my full skirts. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Fascinated by CD fantasies and would love to explore these with other TV/TSs. There is something very sensual about lingerie, silk and nylons."



PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-67)
Member Transpitt. 5'11", late 30's, 160. Interested in painting, drawing, guitar, shopping. "I appreciate letters from my sisters, and will try to reply to as many as I can."

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-70)
SWM hetero CD. "Enjoy dressing in full petticoats and square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-67)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-70)
Member CDI. When in New York City, come and visit CDI and Moonlight in Manhattan. I travel a lot, and would love to come and visit you in LA, SF, Chi, or elsewhere. Drop me a line and let's get together when you feel like party time."

KATHY STONE
(PA-NP-M3345-K6619-70)
MWM, early 40s, 5'10", 12, blue eyes. Enjoy shopping, dancing and listening, current events, sports, and fashions. "I travel extensively and would like to meet sisters and older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady for nights out, dating, or simply talking and friendship. Please send photo for prompt reply."

JENNIFER ANN MICHAELS (PA-M3358-K6729-67)
Secretary, LSV Chapter, Renaissance. "Retired Navy. Married. My wife is very fond of her friends in Renaissance, but not always happy about Jenny. She is generally supportive, though. I participate in the Renaissance Pen Pal Project. Out of denial for two years."

ROCCANA DEFAZIO
(PA-P-M3383-K6784-70)
Fun loving TV. "Enjoy exploring my feminine personality. I adore silky hose and

sexy heels. Love experiencing the true feelings of a woman. Would like to meet other TV/TSs, understanding women or interested males. Will answer all who respond."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-NP-M3388-K6832-70)
Single, retired, hetero CD. "Now have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining organization and attending social functions. Would also like to find a female to enjoy the best of both worlds."

ANONYMOUS F.
(PA-M3587-K7565-68)
"Tall, non-practicing TV, very much interested in all related activities wishes to correspond and meet, escort, photograph, be friend to all who wish to expand their feminine horizons. Will answer all."

SUZANNE L.
(E PA-P-M3736-K8202-69)
SWM, 5'10", 195, 52, hetero TV. Member Renaissance. Attends meetings. Nonsmoker. Loves niee dresses and heels. "Like to go malling and to the movies. Willing to support others who want to come out of the closet, day trips, etc."

LISA MARIE M.
(W PA-M3829-K3485-69)
MWM, mid40s. Wife is supportive. "Enjoy music and all things feminine. A lifelong CD still working to accept myself. I appreciate letters from my sisters offering advice and help. Will answer all who write."

LINDA C. (PA-M4075-K8802-67)
Bi-female (genetic), single, blonde, 29, 36-26-36. "Desire correspondence/meetings with BiFs, TVs, TSs. Love to help sincere TV/TSs to develop their femininity. Photo and phone appreciated."

KIM REDBURN
(PA-P-M4160-K8945-67)
TS, 5'8", 155, brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in wildlife painting, nature, photography, collecting antique beer cans. "My wife has known from before we were married. We go out when I am dressed en femme often. Started dressing age 4. Wish to correspond with similarly interested people in northern PA and southern tier of NY."

D. McKAY
(PA-NP-M4296-K8817-69)
Member TransPitt, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together '93. 41, 5'11", 145, 10, very passable CD. Interested in helping others with femme image and mindset, and public awareness talks. W. Central PA area. "Will escort as male or femme shopping. Real Girls welcome also for meeting, maybe more. Femme photo gets response."

BRENDA L.
(PA-P-M4383-K2500-68)
Member Transpitt. Bi-TV, 47, 5'7", 165, sandy brown hair, blue eyes. "I like going out on the weekends with my TV/TS sisters. Enjoy arts, painting, love to cook, clean and be a housewife. Seeking males for friendship and possible relationship. Will answer all with photo. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you."

PAULA J.
(PA-NP-M4433-K9658-69)
Member CDI. SWM, Bi, 5'8", 150, 42. Slim, attractive, passable. "Love all heels, nylons, short skirts. Have been dressing for years. Would like to meet with other TVs and gentlemen in the Allentown area. Will write/phone all who respond."

RACHEL PACE
(PA-NP-M4487-K9704-69)
38, 6'3", 18, MWM, professional. "Dressing in private since age 15. Desire to express my feminine side is now overwhelming. Have decided to reach out for the first time. Very interested in hearing from the TV/TS community. Would like to develop sincere friendships for support and understanding. Please respond with photo."

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-NP-M4505-K9143-69)
Member Renaissance LSV. WCD, 42, 6', 175. Interested in history, SF/fantasy, military board games and all things feminine. Pass easily and often out in public. "Would like to correspond/meet fellow CDs. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered who know how to treat a lady."

DELAWARE (197- 199-)

EMILY SHELDON
(N DE-P-M0629-K0738-68)
Member Renaissance. Mature TV, fiftyish. "Pass easily in public. Attend several TV meetings/events each year."

LESLIE FAIRMONT
(N DE-P-M2425-K3335-70)
Member Renaissance. DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass in public. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-NP-M2434-K3366-70)
Member Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (200- 205-)

MICKEE A.
(DC-M3565-K7400-67)
51, 5'16", 230 and losing, 18-20T. Interested in reading, current events, cooking. "Live in Belgium, but travel to Washington, DC two or three times a year. Would love to hear from sisters in the DC area."

SHEILA K. (DC-M3810-K7721-69)
Married TV, 6'0", 48, 170. "Crossdressing all my life, although wife is unsupportive. Well-educated and well traveled. Will answer all who wish to correspond. Fantasy hope is to meet my mirror image, a bi sister interested in a discreet friendship."

KAREN ELIZABETH F.
(DC-M4500-K9734-69)
Slim, pretty, 33, TV/TS attorney, feminist. Interested in women's rights and politics. "Been crossdressing since childhood. I am female on the inside and love to dress accordingly. Would love to hear from other area *gender dysphorics* and possibly meet."

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

CINDY HENDERSON
(MD-P-M1725-K0757-70)
She-male, 35, married. "Wife is very understanding and supports my feminine development. Am interested in writing, talking, meeting, and networking with all who enjoy and participate in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife would especially like to talk with females who are dating or are married to TVs."

NANCY ANN B.
(MD-P-M2046-K2444-69)
Member Delta Chi (DCEA), WBA, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair '90, '91, Poconos '92. 5'9", brown hair and eyes. Interested in crossdressing since age 10, bowling, softball, table tennis, and volunteer work. "My life has changed sine coming out and joining support groups and subscribing to magazines like *Tapestry* and the *Femme Mirror*."

DIANE FERN
(MD-M2229-K2673-69)
Member of Couples. "A mature TV with great interest in the transgendered lifestyle. Wife is very supportive. Enjoy jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress often. Wish to share gender euphoria with sisters and others who have an interest in our lifestyle."

DEE DEE HENSELL
(MD-P-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Kappa Beta. Divorced CD, 49, looking for woman who would like role-reversal in a relationship. I'd like to keep house and make a home for that special girl. Want to learn how to sew, and go to cosmetology school. Now living and working as a domestic. Like to meet and correspond with others."

JULIA CYBELE
(C MD-P-M2739-K4337-68)
Member Mensa-TG. New Woman 12/92. INFP; hetaera-philosophe. "I adore autumn sunsets, ancient mystery, sisterhood, Hayden symphonies, Dr. Biber, friendships new and old, green tea, and the countless reflections of Her Light."

S. G. (MD-M2847-K3353-69)
"At age 44 I have been a lifelong TV 'transgender fetishist.' Have an extensive library which I have maintained for 28 years—TV/TS material. Married with an understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!"

ELLEN MARIE ANDERSON
(MD-P-M3142-K4212-70)
Member of DCEA, Tri-Ess. 43, 5'9", 16, blue eyes, frosted (graying) dark brown hair, married to an extremely supportive lady. Love shopping, good food and wine shared with friends. "I love being out and meeting new sisters in my travels. I'm a slow but steady correspondent."

GWEN D.
(MD-P-M3547-K7439-67)
6', 155, 37, MWM, educated, professional artist. "Am new to our community and very much want to learn and experience more of this wonderful and exciting lifestyle. Adore everything feminine and flirtatious, from short skirts and high heels to bridal gowns and baby dolls. Would love to correspond and possibly meet other TV/TSs. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with the same."

LARISA (LARA) B.
(MD-M3911-K8376-69)
41, 6', 170, M2F ambisexual (TG), struggling towards androgyny, surgeon on sabbatical, religious Jewish upbringing. Interested in travel, investing, gardening, self-growth. Divorced. Two lovely children now in Israel. "Partially out, would like to learn to pass. Understanding and accepting myself deepens my appreciation of others."

MICHELLE CHRISTIANSEN
(MD-M4162-K8948-67)
SWM TV with TS tendencies, 5'9", 160 and losing, 10-12, hazel eyes, long sandy blonde hair. Interested in music, reading, Sci-fi and fantasy, medievalism, cars, boating, building wardrobe, and developing my fem side. "Dressed since childhood. In closet, but want to get out. Wish to relocate and live full time. Anyone need a girlfriend, sister, roommate?"

RENE R.
(MD-P-M4191-K8579-67)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, tall, slender biTV, shy and independent. Interested in photography, fashion, art, outdoors/nature, traveling. "Enjoy meeting upfront and honest individuals for friendship. Would enjoy traveling to meet new friends. Not the best correspondent, but respnd to all sincere letters with photos."

LINDA W.
(MD-P-M4261-K6439-67)
Member of Black Rose and PEP. 58, 6'4", 185, brown hair and eyes. Single. Interested in American Truck Historical Society, musician/banjo, gardening, landscaping. "Love to dress in sexy short skirts, lingerie and heels. Go nightclubbing weekly in DC. Correspond with other TV/TS couples for friendship and more."

LEANNE THOMAS
(MD-NP-M4493-K9708-69)
CD, 37, 5'8", 150, professional pianist/composer. "Slowly emerging from the closet. Wish to correspond with and meet other educated, imaginative TVs for sharing our femininity. I'm empathetic, articulate, creative, and give of myself. Love to dress. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters w/ photo."

MICHELLE J. FARELL
(MD-M4190-K6477-67)
Sexy, attractive CD, 29, 5'11", 160. Pretty hazel eyes. Like shopping, shoes, sexy clothes, poetry, night life. Athletic, feminine and attractive either way. Well mannered, honest and fun. "Like to hear from all young attractive femmes for correspondence. Seeking tricks of trade for total illusion."

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

LINDA C. (VA-M0703-K0784-70)
Member of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. "Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other TVs."

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-68)
Member TransGender E. A. DWM, mid-50s, 5'8", 160, blue eyes. "Writer who loves dressing up, jazz, meeting new friends. Looking for sister, genetic woman or those who appreciate siaters to help me be as feminine as possible."

CHRISTINA SMITH
(VA-P-M1868-K2176-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Virginia's Secret. 6', 185. Just turned 50. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed. "Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

DEBBIE LYNNE OGLE
(C VA-M2095-K2493-68)
Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Interested in computers, sci-fi music. "Things have really opened up for me since my surgery, and just keep getting better!"

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-69)
Member Virginia's Secret. 39, 6', 185, green eyes. Interested in photography, shopping, sharing stories, exchanging photos. "I'm friendly but shy at first. I try to be a good correspondent—not always successfully. Am getting out more as I grow in confidence. Always delighted to meet other CDs."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-69)
MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife and TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect and dignity from the public. She and her wife are always ready to help other Tvs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle.

LAINE R.
(VA-P-M3559-K7489-68)
"If you're interested in meeting a very sexy TV who looks great in skin-tight black micro skirts, I'd love to hear from you. I'm late 30s, sometimes bi, and passable. Whether I'm fully dressed, applying my makeup, or just chatting with other girls, I love exploring my femininity. Supportive girlfriend willing to help."

CHRIS JONES
(VA-P-M3666-K7927-68)
Member DCEA, Virginia's Secret. Married TV, 5'8", 145, 48. "Just starting out of closet after dressing in lonely secrecy for more than 35 years. Starting to feel comfortable with myself after all this time. Love to make contact with other TVs. Like reading, dressing, shopping. Eager to make new friends and share experiences and girl talk."

JESSICA WARREN
(VA-P-M3673-K7973-68)
Member TGEA, TCNE. Attended Coming Together '93. SWM. 6', hetero, CD, 32. President TGEA. Interested in athletics, reading, computers, & shopping. "I strive to be passable and classy. Am very comfortable with myself. Enjoy meeting and helping other CDs. Good correspondent. Letters from allTG people and women welcomed. Photo appreciated."

MIKKI LYNNE D.
(VA-P-M3792-K3263-68)
Hetero, SWM TV, 44, 13/14, 5'9". Professional pilot, real estate investor, nonsmoker. Interested in fitness, health, sunrise, fog, star-filled skies, brandy, and ice-cream. "Regularly enjoyed areas of feminine dressing. Though still in closet, have been out dressed alone at night. Have decided to live the experience more fully. Will answer all TV/TSs, women, with polite photo."

ROBIN HOWELL
(VA-P-M4410-K9242-68)
SWM, 6', 135, long brown hair. Interested in history, politics, movies, traveling, and getting out more. "A longtime CD. I would like to correspond, maybe meet with interesting people with good humor. Please send photo if possible. I live as much of my life as possible dressed."

JOANNE HIGGINS
(VA-M3498-K4443-69)
Member AEGIS, TGEA. Overweight, 5'10", M, 39, with strong TS feelings. "In therapy (a positive situation for a change) and recently started electrolysis. Formerly known as Michelle Hansen. Married to a loving but unsupportive lady. Interests include lesbian and feminist issues, Tom Clancy novels, chess, hypnosis and travel."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV-M0640-K0809-68)
Member Crossroads. MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

RENEE LYNN H.
(S WV-P-M2604-K3772-67)
Member Crossport, TransWV. MWM, 47. "Married to a very supportive and understanding wife. Interested in corresponding with other sisters, shopping, dressing, and just being feminine. Been CD since early childhood. Haven't been out dressed except for TransWV meeting. Some day I would like to be able to go out in public dressed. Will write to all."

DEE H. (WV-M2329-K3026-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 46, hetero, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interested in all things feminine, a better look, fishing, canoeing, biking, sewing. "Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in makeup. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

DEBBIE LUCAS (WV-M3393-K6841-67)
Member of Trans-WV. One of the founders of Trans-WV. Attended Be All a few years back. 38, 5'7", brown eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. "I've been a TV all my life. Have an understanding wife who helps me. Love passing in public in both casual and fancy clothes. Love being a lady!"

ALICE JACKSON (WV-NP-M3876-K4442-69)
Member Trans WV. 60 years young. Active TG with supportive wife and daughter. "Love all aspects of femme life. Active impersonator in local clubs. Love to hear from all with similar lifestyles. Visitors are welcome if you travel this way. Please write."

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

SUSAN WILLIAMS (NC-P-M2363-K3079-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 165, M hetero CD, 30. Interested in history, movies, dressing up, reading. "Very understanding wife. Have been out many times, but need more work passing. Hoping to get more involved with Tri-Ess."

KATHERINE D. (NC-M4128-K8921-67)
Married, professional, crossdresser. Interested in sports and fashion. "Kathy has been crossdressing several years, but is just now discovering her femme self. She is a new member of Tri-Ess. Her goal is to develop to pass in public."

STEPHANIE DULA (NC-P-M2519-K3660-67)
Member TGA. 5'9", 22, TG. Interested in art, music, walking, outreach to others in our community. "Just enjoy being me. I am happily engaged to a wonderful, loving lady. Would like to hear from other couples in the Central NC area."

DEBBIE N. (NC-NP-M3497-K7213-67)
Dual-gendered, sober, vegetarian 38 years old. Interested in art, philosophy, femininity. "My whole self is in metamorphosis toward its original nature. Correspondence with the gender community is dearly cherished."

JENNIFER GOODNIGHT (NC-P-M3640-K7825-68)
Attended Southern Comfort '91, Dressing for Pleasure '91. Buxomly built gal, 38, 5'9", 43-32-42. Looking for understanding friends that want to meet and go out on the town. Interested in music, travel, intimate times. "Can travel. Enjoy all aspects of helping others in our transgendered world."

PAMELA ROGERS (NC-P-M4235-K9428-68)
Lifelong CD. "Love to exchange letters and photos! Enjoy going out and cherish time as Pamela, but know the real satisfaction is in helping others. Love to look at the humorous side of the transgendered community, and proud to be a part of it. Write soon! Eager to make new friends."

GINGER M. (NC-P-M4313-K5509-67)
MWM, hetero, 42, 6', 175, blonde hair, blue eyes. Interested in dressing as Ginger, all things feminine. "After suppressing CD desires, have accepted Ginger as a big part of me. Intolerant wife limits opportunities. Still semi-in closet. Been out twice. Want to write/meet warm, sincere TV/TS/CD to discuss feelings and techniques."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290- .299-)

SHERRY LYNN CAPPS (SC-P-M3338-K6637-67)
Member Republican Transgender Caucus. 22, 5'11", 190, size 18T. Interested in history, shooting, shopping, cycling, going out. "Prelaw major. Transgendered Republican seeking sincere, thoughtful discussion, but no pervo-mail. Can entertain/host most visitors in Charlotte, NC."

BOBBIE ANN B. (SC-M2874-K4857-68)
DWM. hetero, CD, 36, 6'1". "Love dressing in hose, heels and lingerie. Dressing since age 8. Making progress, but still need help. Must be careful due to home situation. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and GG and maybe meet. Love girl talk."

GEORGIA (300- 319-)

MICHELLE KELLY (GA-P-M3054-K5640-69)
Member of Beta Chi, GCTC, Tri Delta Chi, and Tri-Ess. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, Fantasy Adventure Weekend, IFGE '92. 41, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, 170. Interested in computers and anything feminine. "Want to make friends with others. Travel south MS and LA. Work weekends. Off Tues.-Thurs. Will answer all."

RACHEL W. (GA-P-M3251-K6404-67)
MWM, CD, 45, 5'10". Enjoy shopping and dining, going out to movies, always dressed. "Have great, accepting family. Would like to meet and correspond with other sisters."

KEVIN (GA-M3446-K7099-68)
"Letter writing is an untapped potential of expression. Then you add crossdressing and there's artistic playfulness and experimentation in ways beyond any magazine form can produce. Does anyone reading

this know what 'mail art' means, or collaborative 'artist books'? Unstructured minds write!"

DIANA AUSTIN
(GA-P-M3283-K6478-70)
Attended Texas T Party, Be All. WMM, 35, 5'9", 155, brown eyes/hair. Interested in having fun as Diana, music, dancing, lingerie, fine wine, movies. "Would love to meet/correspond with people who are positive and happy with life. Enjoy going out to the malls, dinner, dancing. Will try and answer all. SASE would help."

JOANNE JOHNSON
(GA-P-M3310-K6594-67)
Attended Southern Comfort '92. Divorced CD, single parent, 40's, 5'10", 175. Interested in tennis, photography, shopping. "Enjoying life more since realizing that some things need to be changed while other things should be accepted. Knowing the difference is hard part. Would like to meet other CDs and non-CDs, including genetic females, who can appreciate me."

JAMIE LEE GREGORY
(GA-NP-M3688-K8001-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, CTA. CD, SWM, 5'10", 136, 44, 12. Interested in movies, music. Enjoy everything feminine. Attended Southern Comfort '92, '93. "Learning more about myself and exploring the limits of my comfort. Would like to hear from others. Will respond."

KATHERINE ADAMS
(GA-M3737-8201-69)
MWM, 33, hetero, CD. "Wife doesn't know of my second half, and would not understand. Seeking correspondence, advice, discreet friendship. Wide-ranging interests: art, cinema, music, psychology. Love to dress in elegant corset and foundations, sexy dress, and role-play. Favorite mags: *Tapestry*, *FAD*, *Skin-Two*, and *CNL*."

JENNIFER EVANS
(GA-M3783-K3790-68)
Member of Tri-Ess. 6'6" short, blue eyes, slim build. Attractive CD. Have never appeared in public. Interested in diving, theatre, personal finance, channeling and spirituality. College educated professional working on Master's degree. "Love to express my feminine side. Feel free to write, especially understanding ladies."

CASSANDRA LAUREN BEARD
(GA-P-M3849-K2147-69)
Fun-loving, feminine, flirtatious, bi-SW TS, 28, nonsmoker, 5'7", 170, dark brown hair and eyes. Professional interior designer. "Adore shopping, cultural events, living in Atlanta experiencing life as a woman (as often as possible). Eager to begin transition process. Looking for advice and support from pre- and post-ops, TVs, understanding women."

CASSANDRA MONROE
(GA-M4061-K8792-70)
6'4", 270, brown hair, eyes. Interested in CD, stamps, collecting recipes. "Would like to reestablish contact with former correspondents. Lost all addresses, etc. in accident 8/10/92. I am a quadriplegic due to the accident, but am learning to use a computer for correspondence. Will attempt to answer any letters sent."

STEPHANIE SIMMONS
(GA-M4220-K7323-68)
Hetero MCD, late 40s. Interested in music, gardening, theater, jogging, shopping. "Love dressing in pretty feminine attire with makeup, heels, wig. Am finally coming to accept myself, but very shy about coming out. Would appreciate your thoughts, ideas as I take this first step out."

DONNA K.
(GA-NP-M4479-K9689-69)
6'1", 195. "I've been dressing only a short period of time. Recently came out with very positive response. Want to make friends with CDs, hetero or bi for correspondence/photo exchange and social relationship. A caring, sensitive person looking for same. Enjoy sports, seashore, mountains, reading and shopping."

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

JENNIFER REECE
(FL-P-M0739-K0930-67)
SWM, hetero, 38. Interested in all water sports and boating. "Looking for a woman or a pre-op transsexual to communicate with. I'm a good person and lots of fun."

ROSALIND HART
(FL-M0768-K1479-69)
Member of Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu. Attended Be All meetings. MWM hetero TV, 65, 5'6", 165. Interested in computers, amateur radio, feminine clothes, space travel. "Supportive wife. Three children. Am degreed professional. Would like to meet or correspond with other couples. Frequent visitor to malls and restaurants with wife. Pass with hormones and electrolysis."

AUSTINE B.
(FL-M1086-K0910-68)
DWM CD, TS inclinations. 53, 5'8", 150, sensitive, gentle, and caring. "In and out of closet since childhood. Many interests including music and ballet. Anxious to build a support group in the Palm Beaches. Will send photo to serious correspondents. A friend of Bill W."

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-68)
Member, Tri-Ess. 50, 5'7", 150. Interested in writing and reading TV fiction, history, all feminine pursuits, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. "Lifelong CD. Published author of TV fiction. Writing of letters is constrained by my business and family responsibilities. Have a passion for hosiery and heels. Seek to meet like-minded sisters."

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Tau Lambda. Attended Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Late-30's, married with two children. "Active on Tri-Ess BBS and Genderline. Would like to start a group in north Florida/South Carolina. Have gone to Atlanta, but 5+ hours is a long drive. Love to hear from sisters."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-NP-M1396-K0931-69)
Member Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 45, 5'5", 150. Interested in meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-67)
Member Crossport, IXE, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. "Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group."

CYNTHIA SILVA
(FL-P-M1848-K2081-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '90, Southern Comfort '91, Holiday En Femme '92. Single, 64, 5'9". "Enjoy dressing, model HO scale RR, personal computing, some photography, easy listening music. Try to answer all ASAP."

CHARLENE FIRESTINE
(FL-P-M1934-K2223-68)
Member of Serenity. DWM, 5'7". Interested in anything female. "Love to get together with other sisters and share ideas and dreams. Enjoy renting movies, listening to the golden oldies on the radio. Love to go out to clubs for a nice time on the town. Wish to hear from sisters all over the country."

JACQUELYN NOWLING
(FL-M2063-K2459-69)
Member Sigma Epsilon. Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interested in wine-making, reading, & being 'Jacque.' "I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

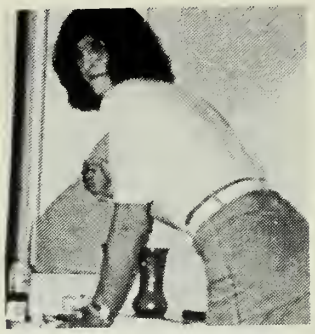
ANNA BLAKE
(FL-M2418-K3340-68)
Friendly non-op TS, 40. Lives with understanding wife. "I've learned to accept who I am and enjoy hearing from other TSs who have accepted the path they are on. I've received much support from our community, primarily on gender-oriented BBSs."

JOANNE SHANNON
(FL-M2690-K4330-67)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'3", 215, 44. Interested in getting back to basics, homesteading, photography, natural history, electronics, computers, American history. "In the closet but slowly emerging. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Hetero but bi-curious. Desire to correspond with and meet sisters in NE FL. Need support and understanding. Please write. Will answer all."

JEAN RICII
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-67)
Member of Serenity. Attended Coming Together in Philadelphia, Moonlight over Manhattan. 5'9", 155, very passable, 50. Interested in disco dancing, photography, stock market, shopping, travel, national events. Hetero TV, athletic biker and aerobic sports. "Enjoy company of GG and bi-women, professional degrees."

JODY N. (FL-P-M2968-K5101-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Serenity. SWM, 5'6", 125, thirty-something. TS inclinations. "Interested in hearing from GGs and like-minded individuals. Pre- and post-op. Photo, please, if possible. Peace."

CATHY R.
(FL-P-M3007-K5262-69)
SWM, Bi, 6', 170, a feminine closet TV. "I am an XXY feminine male. Love to correspond and share interests."



DEBORAH BANDO
(FL-P-M3014-K5202-68)
38-27-37, 6', 148, auburn-haired Italian. Interested in swimming, movies, sewing, bicycle riding, sightseeing, museums (natural sciences, aviation). "Would love very much to write and come to know others as myself, in my area and out of state. Have been on hormones for two years, now."

DENISE PAUL
(FL-P-M3334-K6615-71)
MWM, 5'7", 16. Very supportive spouse. Interested in computers, travel, and communicating with other sincere and discreet people. "Have enjoyed crossdressing since the age of 8. We would like to hear from others who share our lifestyle. Can be contacted through Prodigy CTCB91A or by mail."

CINDY G.
(FL-P-M3522-K4011-68)
New girl in S. Fla. Young, 5'6", passable. "Looking for safe, discreet fun and friends for dancing, dining and dates. Please write with SASE and photos."

SISSY K. (FL-M3926-K8439-67)
MWM, 36. Interested in submissive crossdressing. "Interested in corresponding with others interested in maid service, forced crossdressing and obedience to dominant women, and others. Would love to share interactive fantasies."

STEPHANIE CARIN MICHAELS
(FL-P-M3753-K8207-68)
Member Central Florida Sisters. SWM, 39, 5'6", 145. Interested in aviation, ballroom dancing (long, elegant gowns), and studying feminine characteristics. "Seeking a CD girlfriend in my area to go out on the town with. Love sharing my thoughts and feelings as a crossdresser."

NORMA SUSAN
(FL-P-M3794-K0407-69)
Member Tri-Ess. 50, 5'8", 190 and losing. Inexperienced, eager to learn. Non-supportive wife. Enjoy meeting new friends in Tampa area to have fun dressing together. Would really love to meet sister who would share home for CD sessions and shopping together. Will answer all. Photo helpful."

KAREN R.
(FL-P-M4018-K8675-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Phi Epsilon Mu, Tri-Ess BBS. Married, 45. Interested in computers and BBSing. Presently experiencing a new lease on life with acceptance of Karen by myself and my wife. Have always loved shoes, heels, hose, and would like to open a shoe store. Enjoy everything feminine, and will answer all."

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-70)
Married, hetero CD, 38, 5'10", 155. Attended '93 Be All. "Working on telling wife. Dress about twice a month. Member of local support group and frequent accepting gay bars. Have been shopping in the malls once and was in heaven! Would like to start local club/lounge for TV/TSs. Let's write and exchange ideas."

MASTER STONE
(FL-P-M4176-K0764-67)
SWM, 40, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, professional engineer. "Spent 15 years promoting the positive aspects of the leather lifestyle, especially in regards to TV/TS society. Seeking monogamous relationship with beautiful and feminine TV/TS willing to commit to D & S leather lifestyle. I travel throughout US, so let's meet and discuss a future together."

ANNE B. (FL-M4318-K8240-68)
MWM, 6', 160, CD, 42. "Still in the closet. Love to read about CD in books and magazines. Not interested in meeting anyone in person, but will correspond. Try to spend free time dressed to some degree or other. Have dressed in female clothes for as long as I can remember, usually while alone. Love shopping and trading CD books, etc."

PATRICIA GREENE
(FL-M4356-K9546-67)
51, 5'9", married CD, wife trying to cope. Interested in dressing up when possible, computers, discovering all of the TG/CD world that I have finally learned does exist! "Very cautious, but extremely excited to know there are so many CDs all over the world. Hope to actually contact some of you."

SARA JANE II.
(FL-M4438-K6112-68)
Pre-op M-F TS. "Just moved from Australia. Seek witty, sensitive female for relationship. Australian citizen, US born. Attractive, on hormones. Enjoy total feminine lifestyle. College degree. 44. Enjoy forced feminization by female. Love furs, nylon, velvets. Enjoy genuine TS/TS friends. Just love being around a female."

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

ANNE ARMSTRONG
(AL-M1478-K0934-69)
Member Tri-Ess. "Would welcome letters. Will answer quickly. Curious about other TV fantasies, clothes, etc. Am still in the closet."

MARY JANE WALKER
(N AL-P-M2105-K2508-68)
Member Tri-Ess. A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N. AL or GA area. Will answer all."

RENÉE PHILLIPS
(AL-M2535-K3705-70)
MWM, 37, 5'11", life-long TV. Go out and have passed at times. "I enjoy being soft and gentle, as feminine as I can. I adore satin and lace, shopping, socializing, fashion, arts, travel, and girl talk. Would like to meet others with similar interests. Desire meetings or correspondence. Will answer promptly."

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon, Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, '92, '93. DWM, 59, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservation society. Semi-retired. Can travel at will.

CELESTE RICHARDS
(AL-M3197-K6191-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, ETVC, on AEGIS staff. Attended Holiday En Femme '92. 41, 166, 5'9", 16, dress to pass. Interested in helping others, Macintosh DTP, member in women's groups, shopping. "Crossdressinging is the portal and liberation of my inner self. I was not complete until I learned to be the woman inside.'To empower others is an act of compassion. to empower yourself is an act of courage.'"

LISA J. (AL-M4515-K0754-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Rho Gamma. BM, married, TV, 38, 6'1", 185. Interested in dressing up. "Am a caring sister who will correspond with other sisters to exchange ideas and tips. I have passed in public and had fun. It may take awhile to get a reply, but I will write back. Your picture gets mine."

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

TAMMI MCINTYRE
(E TN-P-M1732-K1894-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair. Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady. "I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture.Will try to respond to all ."

RITA HEFELFINGER
(TN-P-M2860-K4818-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon. MWM, hetero TV, 47, 5'6", 135. "Just married to a wonderfully supportive wife who helps with my dressing. Love to shave my entire body and go anywhere while dressed. We would like to hear from other CDs and couples who would like to meet for socializing and intelligent conversation. Promise a prompt reply."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

SISSY S. (MS-P-M3443-K7091-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, 36, hetero. Interested in being a woman and meeting women and CDs in MS. "Love going to restaurants, movies, and shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

KAREN SCOTT
(MS-P-M3472-K7184-68)
Member of NOW. SWM, 5'10", 170. Interested in TV, sports, soap operas. Retired widower, former Avon lady, L'Oreal hair color technician. Like wigs, makeup, wearing all feminine attire. "Love hats, millinery, sleep en femme. Crossdressed since twelve. Love to hear from all in New Orleans. Write. Send pictures."

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-70)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36.

Interested in meeting other CD/TV/TSs, MS Gulf Coast and New Orleans or Mobile, AL areas. "Love to dress as a female. Wife not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for a relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

WENDI F. YARBROUGH
(MS-M3423-K6906-67)
SWM, 6'2", 200, greying blond, blue eyes. 48, pre-op TS. Interested in obtaining hormones, learning to dress and apply makeup, having electrolysis as often as I can. "Here in S. Mississippi it's hard to find counseling and medical help for pre-op TSs. There are no groups to help."

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. "Play guitar, shop, read. Wife supportive at home. Still in closet. Passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Picture please. Will answer all."

KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

LYNNE B. (KY-M1992-K2494-68)
Interested in corresponding with a TV/TS.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Member Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

OHIO (434- 457-)

FRAN S. (OH-M0848-K1016-67)
Member Crossport, Tri-Ess. Senior citizen, 5'8", 170. Interested in outdoors, things feminine. "Spouse not sympathetic. In closet now, but not satisfied. Live now in small town."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S OH-P-M0954-K1005-69)
Member Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, and Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an "A" wife. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk,' and picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40's"

KIMBERLY DENISE GRAY
(SW OH-M1628-K0035-70)
"Curious crossdresser awaits correspondence with GG/TS/TV to help with new feminine behavior. All help appreciated. Love lingerie, sexy looks, and intelligent conversation. Will try to answer all."

MARY R. (OH-M1731-K1875-69)
Hetero, SWM, 35, CD, 12T, long brown hair, green eyes, gentle, passive, and very shy. Interested in fashions, cooking, shopping, and everything feminine. "Would love to hear from any genetic woman. My goal is to be in total rôle reversal with a sincere woman who understands my feelings, and who appreciates a male who dresses in feminine fashions."

CLAUDIA K.
(OH-P-M1833-K1010-67)
Member CrossPort, IXE, CFS. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Fantasia Fair, Southern Comfort. A young old person who is retired. Interested in photography, golf, computers (Prodigy FMTX16A). "Since I live in Florida in the winter and the midwest in the summer, I can offer my support to the new girls in these areas. We can write, talk on the phone or computer, or visit in person."

KATHERINE H.
(OH-M1994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC, Paradise Club. Divorced, 40, TV/TS, Bi, blonde, attractive. Interested in fashion, movies, music, cooking, gardening, golf, Yoga, aerobics. "Seek understanding friends in Ohio area, M or F. Intelligent, successful, articulate. Pass easily. Would like to meet others for fun, conversation."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-68)
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6', 185. Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. "Enjoy fishing, camping, and old movies. Dress anytime I can and absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area and feel alone and frustrated, maybe I can help. Completely discreet."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Attended Be All '93. Divorced CD, 54, 5'7", 160, nicely proportioned, educated, passes easily. Enjoys fashions, movies, girl talk, picture taking sessions, and being feminine. "Want to correspond with CDs. If interests are mutual, want to meet for conversation. Desire friendship. Will answer all inquiries."

MARJORIE MILLER
(OH-P-M2710-K4355-68)
Member of Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 170, 47. Interested in photography, working on cars. "I answer all letters received. Picture for picture. Meeting is a possibility. Been crossdressing since a child. Go out dressed occasionally driving around in my car."

JOAN B. (OH-P-M3224-K6235-70)
Attended Spouthern Comfort. 5'5", 160, TS, married, professional, honest, caring, and discreet. Wife not supportive. Interested in sports, cooking, shopping, romantic evenings and long walks. "Love dressing and going out. Want to meet other TV/TSs and women for friendship and support. Central Ohio area, but travel extensively. Will answer all."

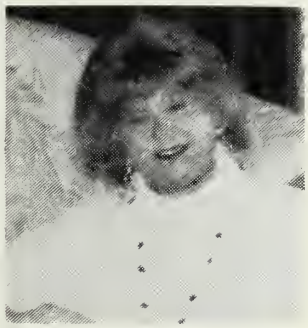
JENNY WILLIAMS
(NE OH-M2714-K4357-68)
SW TV, 30, 6', 180, natural long brown hair, strong attraction to other TVs, looking for friendship and possibly more. Let's stumble through the confusion, joys and sorrows together. I'm a good shoulder to cry on. I'll need one, too! Let's be sisters. I love long hair."

MARJORIE MILLER
(NE OH-M2719-K4382-68)
Member Paradise Club. SWM, 5'7", 165. Interested in photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

ROXANNE LEWIS
(OH-M3582-K7576-67)
5'3", 140, brown hair, brown eyes. Inter-

ested in Sci-Fi, writing, computers, Sci-Fi conventions, past lives, esoterica. "Interested in meeting people interested in esoterica, gender, and science issues, for friendships."

TIIERESA R.
(OII-P-M3244-K6409-67)
Member Paradise Club, Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. 6'6", 265, brown eyes, hair depends on mood. Interested in dressing, makeup, helping those "out" that are still "in" for whatever reason. "Attended Poconos in September. Since then life has been a blur. I Have gotten out and love it. Will reply to any,all questions welcome."



VIRGINIA PETERS
(OII-P-M3386-K6800-67)
New to this wonderful world of crossdressing, and am looking to make new friends. I may be bi, don't know, but I know how strong my feelings are when dressed. Enclose picture when you write me. Response will be quick. Love to all!"

CINDY TRAUM
(OII-P-M3589-K7569-71)
Member Crystal Club, Crossport. 5'8", medium build, brown eyes, Vietnam Veteran, college education, professional. "Lifelong CD. Like photo sessions, dining at nice restaurants, theater and traveling. Have attended several conventions. Enjoy going places en femme."

JOYCE H.
(OII-P-M3802-K0437-69)
Member Crystal Club, Transpitt. 5'10", 145, hetero male. "Have made many friends in the last year. Am coming to accept myself as I am, and enjoying this lifestyle immensely. Have been out to restaurants and night clubs en femme with no problems. I have lots to learn and am enjoying the journey I am on."

KRISTINE JONES
(OII-P-M3931-K8465-70)
Member Crossport. Attended Be All. TV, 160, 16, redhead, married, 6'. Interested in dancing, shopping, conversation, sewing, cosmetology, and passing. "Love being Kristine whenever possible. Like being well dressed. Pass well except for height. Love going to exciting nightspots en femme. Learning hairstyling, sewing, and performance (lip sync). Will answer all and exchange photos."

TRACY WINTERS
(OII-M3622-K4238-67)
Member Central Florida Sisters, Alpha Omega, Crystal Club. MWM, CD, 57, 150, 52. "Wife not supportive. Would like to meet and/or correspond with CD/TV/TS/GG in NCO or anywhere else. Please include photo."

ROXANNE L.
(OII-M3755-K7391-69)
MWM, 43. Interested in music, reading, heart to heart conversations, feminism, Goddess religion, cross-gender psychology, writing. "Want to correspond with other sisters for mutual aid and growth. Am just emerging from the closet, looking for friends with similar interests."

JOANN HOFFLER
(OII-M3955-K8523-69)
M-F TS, 35. Interested in computers, sailing. "Seeking professional consultation and support. Would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

LESLEY L. FISHER
(OII-M4164-K0814-67)
DWM, 43, 6'0", 180, hetero TV. Interested in reading, music, keeping fit, backpacking, house plants. "Relatively new to crossdressing. Enjoy wearing soft, silky women's clothing, and do so in the evening and under my daytime masculine garb. Only mildly interested in appearing totally female. Trying to figure out where I fit in. Will answer all."

LISA BECKER
(OII-P-M4328-K8698-67)
SCD, 49, 5'11", 145. "Recently tuned in to a wonderful life of freedom and expression. Dressed rarely since 20s, quite often, now. Just started makeup. Shy about going out, though have gone for rides alone with sisters who live nearby. Love flying, computers, photos, writing, outdoor s. Want to exchange photos and letters."

MICHELLE W.
(NE OII-M4180-K3177-67)
6'4", 250, 41, MWM, new TV. Interested in writing, reading, newly willing to seek self-discovery. "Femme self, long imprisoned in macho image, is ready for freedom. Seeking sincere TV/TS/TG girlfriends to share joys and risks of crossgendered lifestyle. Will respond promptly to all kind enough to write."

MARLENE HENKE
(OII-M4187-K6487-67)
Member Crystal Club. MWM, 40, 6'4", CD. Interested in computers and traveling. "Wife understands and we are dealing with my crossdressing together. Just coming out of the closet, but not out the door yet. Would like to correspond with other retired military persons."

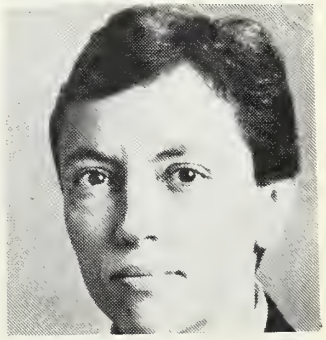
PAULA HARMSTON
(OII-M4337-K6968-68)
Member Tri-Ess. 6', 170, brown eyes and hair, 44, professional, married, hetero. Interested in old movies, music. "Travel frequently on business. Enjoy meeting sisters from around the country. Enjoy shopping, restaurants, etc."

CHERYL DAVIS
(OII-M4477-K9069-68)
Member Paradise Club. MWM, 6'0", 230, 41, blue eyes, hetero CD. Interested in writing, ancient civilizations, oldies music, radio, nostalgia, theater, conversation, and nature. "I Have loving and supportive wife. Enjoy dressing up being feminine. Reply to all sincere letters."

INDIANA (463- 479-)

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee. Lifetime member IXE. IFGE Trinity Award, 1991. Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-69)
Member of StLGF. Attended Fall Harvest '91, Miss Best Dressed, Southern Comfort '92. MWM, TV, 32, 5'9". "Love shopping, sightseeing, and modeling as my femme self. I'm a recent bride married to a very supportive woman who is my wife, my sister, my love. Would like to correspond with and meet select couples."



DAN COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1802-K1029-99)
Member IXE, IFGE Volunteer. Female CD, 40's. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other fe-

male-to-male CD/TSs. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."

VERONICA MAE S.
(IN-M1712-K1886-70)
Blonde, big boned (not fat), shy, lonely, frustrated, middle-aged gal. Pass okay. Interested in being a girl, model RR, nature, wild life, romance, second-hand stores. "Want boy friend for companionship, maybe fun. Please, not too far away. No games. Be sincere, just as I am."

ANNIE JOIINSON
(IN-M3400-K6858-67)
Member IXE. Attended Be All, Southern Comfort, IFGE '92 and '93. Secretary CTO, member Education & Outreach Committee, President IXE. "Interested in gender roles and culture, culture studies, walks, hiking, music. I have recently gone full-time and am starting my own consulting business."

CARIN QUEDENFELD
(IN-P-M3494-K7211-67)
Pre-op transsexual. Work as a psychotherapist and manager of a large clinic. "Would be interested in friendship/ contact with experienced post-op or pre-op."

TEDDY K. (IN-M3805-K8287-68)
Member of CIGA, IXE, Tri-Ess. Post-50s MWM. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Interested in writing, editing, music, art, history, cooking, tennis, and bicycling. "Previously repressed CD with one year's active experience and continued ambitions to expand my new self. Willing to help other CDs and to correspond with them."

LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-NP-M3956-K6882-70)
Member Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess; IXE. New CD. MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort, '93, and learned much about myself. Wife supportive, but not involved. Will answer all letters and share photographs."

TONI B. (IN-M3833-K6855-69)
Hetero, married CD. "Not looking to go public, just looking to meet another CD in northern Indiana area. Just to dress privately."

KRISTEN M.
(IN-P-M4056-K8779-67)
Single TV, tall and slender. Enjoy golf and outdoor activities. "Would like to meet women or other TV/TSs for dress up fun. Enjoy corresponding and exchanging photos. Will try to answer all."

RANDI E.
(IN-NP-M4080-K8767-70)
Hetero married CD, 44. "My wife is totally disabled, and caring for her limits my time to dress, or do just about anything else. Will try to answer any letter. Love short skirts and high heels."

HEATHER P.
(IN-M4117-K8922-67)
Member Crossport. 6'1", 180, mid-40's. Interested in working with handicapped persons, shopping, movies. "Starting into transition, been on hormones for 2½ months. Searching for information and would like to correspond or meet with other pre- or post-op TSs or CDs for girl talk."

JANET P. (IN-M4300-K2571-68)
5'11", married to a supportive wife, 41. "Just accepted who I am. Have been a CD since 8. Like philosophy, history, very femme attire, shopping with my wife for Janet's things, and being outdoors. Have only been out as femme self once. Would like to correspond with hetero CDs."

SARAH JEANETTE REASE
(IN-P-M4378-K9643-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society. Attended '93 Chicago Gay Pride Parade. 32 TV, 5'6", 160, single. Interested in animal conservation (wolves), reading SF, trying to improve my feminine side. "Would love to meet any TV/TS in NW Indiana or SW Michigan to talk shop. Love to meet/ correspond with understanding women."

RACHEL L.
(IN-NP-M4549-K9772-70)
"Effeminate and alluring CD, 32. Been going out in public since age 19. Very passable. Profile Girl in *Ladylike* #19. I enjoy the career-girl look; semi-formal look; ultra feminine lingerie. Want to correspond, possibly meet with other pretty TV/TSs and women. Will definitely answer all who send photo."

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

MILESA PIIAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-67)
Member Crossroads. Participant: Be All '84-'92. Married crossdresser. Enjoys photography, motorcycling, reading, computers. "Past President, editor, V.P. of *Crossroads*. Public and college speaker coordinator. Produced audio tape for TVs and wives."

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-68)
Member Crossroads. 5'11", 160, 14, brown hair, blue eyes. "Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understand my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. Love to meet sisters, and be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

MARCIA ANN T.
(E MI-P-M1871-K2173-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Crossroads. Attended '91, '92, '93 Be All. WM TV, 5'10", 165. Tri-city area. "For over 25 years have enjoyed passing in public. Wrote article on the mature CD for *LadyLike*. Love to correspond with prompt reply. Happy to share, help, and advise others."

P. J. OTTENS
(MI-M2745-K4492-67)
Member Crossroads, IME. 30, 5'6", 135. Androgynous Hispanic, M-F TG, 6-year civil servant. Interested in bicycling, muscle cars, road trips, music, and dancing. "Seek support and friendship in the Lansing area. Also seek employment in the southwestern states: AZ, NV, CO, NM."

MARSHA K.
(SE MI-P-M2719-K4382-68)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy

golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Love pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out."

JULIE M.
(MI-P-M2936-K5012-68)
MWM, mid30s, CD with TS feelings. "Do not dress often, as wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style and confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other CD/TSs and ladies who understand."

STEPHANIE MICHELE WELLS
(MI-NP-M3377-K6718-70)
5'9", mid40's, 140. Self-employed, open-minded and terminally gender confused. Interested in photography, mystery novels, computers, and meaningful conversation. "I enjoy corresponding, although I can be a tad slow in replying. Hope to make a few good friends, gain some insight, and enjoy life a little more."

CINDY F. DINSER
(MI-M3010-K1075-69)
Member Crossroads, IME. Well-liked, good worker. Interested in swimming, bowling, bicycle rider. "Been with Crossroads nine years, IME five years. Been to ten Be Alls. We also hold a picnic once a year in the country. We have a nice turn out every year. Please write if you want to. Love, your sister, Cindy."

DEBRA D. (MI-M3490-K7206-67)
Member Crossroads. SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 150, brown hair, blue eyes. "Would like to meet understanding female for companionship."

JARA BETH H.
(MI-P-M3406-K6869-67)
5'6", 120, brown hair, blue eyes, pre-op TS. Interested in lingerie, lace, stockings, heels, skirts, pretty dresses, sexy men, sports, music, animals. "Extremely feminine M-F TS. Hormones since 4/90. Expect SRS by 9/96. Live, work full-time. Respond to all who write, especially men!"

BRENDA PETRY
(MI-M3583-K7577-67)
Member CrossRoads. Divorced, white, pre-op M-F TS. 5'9", 155, 44, MA degree. Interested in woodworking, high-end, audio equipment. Enjoy all types of music, arts, theater. State-licensed contractor, registered with the EPA. Owner and president of my corporation for 20 years, transcending slowly to highly visible position in the business community.

RONNIE B.(MI-M3824-K6352-68)
Member Cross Roads, Tri-Ess. MWM, 56. Attended Holiday En Femme '92, Be All '91-'93, Douglas Dunes '91, '92. "Enjoy my feminine side and all things associated with it. We will be relocating to Alabama on our 44' yacht in fall '93. Looking forward to meeting new sisters this winter. Will answer all who write."

JOANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-67)
45, SWM, hetero TV, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and, of course, wearing women's clothes. "I am slowly slipping out of the closet and am undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond and meet males and females who enjoy wearing women's clothes."

DIANE C.
(MI-P-M3740-K8200-69)
SWM, hetero, CD, 34, 5'11", 160, blue eyes, blonde hair, 14/16, professional. Interested in all things feminine, shopping, dressing, jazz/classical music, theater, fine arts, wines & restaurants. "Lifelong, closeted CD. Sensitive, empathetic. Want femme self to blossom. Eager to perfect sophisticated, elegant image & personality. Seek correspondence, relationship, perhaps leading to marriage."

DIANA T.
(MI-P-M4051-K8778-67)
MWM, 34. My interests include cooking, computers, music and education (U of M student). "TS on hormones who is married to a wonderful woman that shares my enthusiasm to meet TV/TS or single WM for conversation, friendship, dating and romantic evenings. Will answer all with photo."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-M4408-K2684-68)
Member Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME. MWM, hetero CD, 5'6½", blonde, hazel, 18 and losing. Interested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. "Visit all 48 states, Canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

HEATHER SUE P.
(MI-M4465-K9018-68)
Engaged, WMCD, 6'0", 170, 25. Interested in classic rock, comedy movies, classic TV, history, Cubs fan, antique radios, cartoons. "New girl on the block. Young, spirited college student. Dressing allows my mellow and gentler side to come out. Still in closet. Will respond to younger CDs and M-F TSs with photo."

EVE V. (MI-NP-M4517-K4013-69)
Member IME. MWM, 38, 6', 155, brown/brown. Interested in pets, SF, fishing, canoeing and backpacking. "CD with strong TG/TS yearnings. Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Looking for supportive, caring friends. Enjoy correspondence/photo exchange, especially with other tall sisters. Can we help each other with our special needs?"

IOWA (500- 528-)

JANET BAKER
(IA-M2091-K2482-68)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

MICHELLE/BOBBYE G.
(IA-P-M4092-K8774-67)
Member River City Gender Alliance. 6', blonde hair, blue eyes, 175, 12-16, SWM, lifelong CD. Interested in gardening, referee volley ball, computers, women, fixing anything. "Sculptured nail technician, love nails, nail art. Dress occasionally. Began again after lifetime of suppression/guilt. Positive outlook on life, great sense of humor. Kind and sensitive."

WISCONSIN (530- 548-)

PAULA M.
(W WI-M2036-K2273-68)
Tri-Ess, Chi chapter. MWM, CD, 77, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fall Harvest. Artist (painter), musician. Interested in all visual/performing arts, especially classical music and jazz, fine foods, wines. "Happy marriage (51 years) to wonderfully accepting, supportive wife. We travel everywhere, do everything as two women. Correspondence invited."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-NP-M3263-K6403-70)
"There's more to life than everyday living,

there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this: constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond and be friends, too."

TANYA K.
(WI-NP-M3275-K4933-70)
MWM, mid 40's, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college graduate, professional, strong religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion, and my family. "CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

JAMI B. (WI-P-M3456-K7120-67)
Member of Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter, Chicago Gender Society. Attended Be All '93. Tall, sometimes good looking. "Jami and Jim are one. The saddest part is taking off the makeup. Wonder and strength and delightful energy integrate with nurturing spirit and wisdom. Despite the pain of nonacceptance, I thank God for what she has given me"

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Holiday en Femme. Mid-aged, athletic, educated. Interested in meeting crossdressers, especially those who have involved significant other. "Would love to meet and correspond with CD/TV/TS/TG and couples who have involved this culture in their lifestyles."

KARA S. (WI-M3781-K3306-69)
5'13", 215, 30. Single, Native American TV. Interested in philosophy, cooking, long walks, music, meaningful conversation. "Believe in striving for balance in life: left-brain right-brain development, the male and the female within, concern for oneself and for one's community.My femme side is more visible on the inside, but it's there. First peek out of the closet. Write if you have something to say."

BRENDA H.
(WI-P-M3695-K8042-69)
Member Tri-Ess, CGS. MWM, 42, 5'9", 155, trim and fit. "Have made many new friends and enjoyed new experiences over the past year, a period of great personal growth, self-realization, understanding, and acceptance. Spouse is becoming more understanding. Enjoy conversation, and going out en femme to theater, restaurant, night club, and malls."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-NP-M3698-K8037-69)
S, TG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Have been CDing since age 4. Recently made some successful public outings. Would like to hear from any other TG/TV/TS, or anyone interested in helping our community and our selves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

ANA MA RICHARDSON
(WI-P-M3938-K8485-69)
"That's me. I', a writer, dancer, single parent, a lonesome thing. Looking for kindred souls in Wisconsin, or elsewhere. I travel frequently and love FI shows, jazz, baseball. No propositions, please. I'm in a rewarding relationship with a genetic female lesbian."

ADRIENNE S. LEE
(WI-P-M4276-K8299-67)
WM, separated, older, 5'7", 150. Interested in sports, nature, animals, flowers, fishing, hobbies and art. "Live in rural NW Wisc. Love to dress. Need some friends as it is lonely here. In winter, I paint landscapes on canvas and on saw blades. Love shopping."

LAURA B. (WI-M4513-K5814-69)
WM CD, 165, 5'6", 41. Interested in boating, flying, music, and snow skiing. "Would like to meet female who can accept what I am, or with other sisters. Have been dressing since age 11. Looking for friendship and support. Love to dress up whenever possible, makeup and all. Discretion assured."

MINNESOTA (550- 567-)

KATHERINE H.
(MN-M1994-K2073-67)
Member CLCC. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM TV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my femme side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Fantasia Fair. 6'2", 175. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball. "Married to a warm, understanding woman. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasionally at local club meetings. Splurged and attended Fantasia Fair the last two years. Enjoy hearing from people with similar interests."

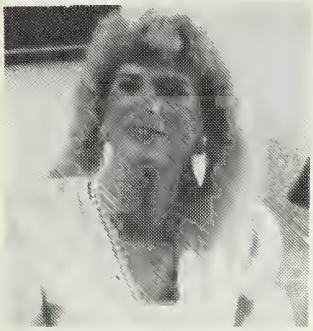
VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-68)
Member CLCC. 5'11", 165, passable, hetero CD. Interested in psychology, theology, music (write sing and play several instruments) golf, my femininity, going out, and writing books on crossgender issues. "Happily married to a lovely, supportive wife. We are deeply committed to the spiritual ethos of love as exemplified in Jesus Christ."

WENDY PETERSON
(MN-P-M2193-K2625-69)
Early 30s, 5'10". "I've been out of touch for the last several months. My apologies to all who wrote but didn't get an answer. Interested in a wide variety of things. Enjoy dressing to the fullest with all things feminine. Looking for TC area musicians interested in forming a CD/TV band."

CORRINE J.
(MN-M2385-K3139-67)
Member CLCC. 5'10", size 20, 41, single, bi-TV. Interested in petticoats, garters, girdles, dressing in general, quiet personal evenings with bi-TV friends. "Twin city area meetings desired with bi-TVs. Phone number and photo gets same."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-67)
Member CLCC. Attended Coming Together '90. MWM, TV, 5'9", 12/14, early

40's. "Happily married to a wonderfully supportive wife. Love being feminine and have fully accepted my feminine self. Out often in public. Active in local organization and our outreach program. Give presentations at local universities, and medical and psychiatric centers. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, writing, computing, and SHOPPING!"



MIRA LaCOUS
(SE MN-P-M2818-K4680-67)
Member MFGE, CLCC, co-sysop LateNight BBS. M-F TS, 29, very tall, slender, long hair, quite passable, living about one-third time as a woman . "Love getting out and meeting friends. Life is great since I started transitioning. Starting TS program at Univ. of Minn. Looking for friendship, sharing with TV/TS/GG. Not looking for anything sexual."

SOFRONIA ANNE STRONG
(MN-NP-M3843-K4637-69)
Member Tri-Ess, CLCC. Lifelong All-American CD. President of the Tri-Ess chapter in the Twin Cities. "If you live within 100 miles of the Twin Cities, write for chapter info. Come on out and join your sisters for fun and mutual support."

ELLEN D.
(MN-P-M3923-K8443-69)
DWM, CD, 5'11", 175, 14/16. Athletic, creative, a writer into metaphysics (very intuitive), travel frequently. Love to transform M-F. Need help to pass. "Will escort passable TVs in MSP or elsewhere. Would love to meet inderstanding woman or post-op TS for relationship. Will answer all TV/TS/TG who write. Photo, please."

MICHELLE P.
(MN-P-M3425-K7036-67)
MWM, tall, slender, with a very supportive wife. Interested in fashion, clothes, makeup, shopping, and developing my femininity. "Would like to meet, correspond, exchange photos with all sisters."

TERESA THOMPSON
(MN-P-M4114-K8925-67)
5'9", 14/16, 40ish, hetero CD, married, wife doesn't know. Interested in classical music, quiet walks, tennis, computer languages. "After crossdressing for as long as I can remember, I am just now discovering this wonderful community. Want to develop my feminine side to its fullest potential, both inside and outside. Love to hear from CD's, especially in MN."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570- 577-)
NORTH DAKOTA (580- 588-)

BOBBI SWAN
(ND-P-M3557-K0975-67)
Member of Swan's Inner Sorority. Separated, divorce proceeding. 60, 195, 6'1", blue eyes. Interested in meeting others, computers, golf. "My supportive significant one has been a beautician and licensed cosmetologist, and loves to work with other sisters in their personal transformations. She enjoys helping other spouses to understand our needs. We are seeking friends."

MONTANA (590- 599-)

COREENE A.
(MT-P-M3496-K7214-68)
"Well, is anyone going to write to me and tell me their secrets—I'll tell you mine. I have lots to talk about. I am now interested in some 2.5 Premarin and some Delestrogen. Where can I get shear X-long nylons?"

JERI C. (MT-P-M3808-K2030-68)
Member Tri-Ess. "Very understanding and caring older TV. Have been dressing since early childhood. Married. Wife accepts femininity. Would love to correspond with other CD/TVs in the NW area, but will answer all. Especially want to meet with others in Montana to share femininity."

ILLINOIS (600- 629-)"

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-68)
6'+, 40s, SWM, 300, computer programmer/analyst, chess player, A D & D. "I am very much a closeted TV, but I am willing to act as an escort/date for a very passable TV/TS."

MARNIE KAPLAN
(IL-M3787-K3815-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago. "Do not get out often. 39, strictly hetero, very involved with my wife and son. Interests include birdwatching, running, environmental activities, and weight training. Don't take this the wrong way: love dressing up, but inside, I always am aware of my male gender."

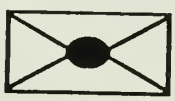
NAOMI O.
(IL-P-M0257-K1257-63)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All (Founder), I Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair. Named Ms. Fantasia Fair. Won Tri-Ess Outreach Award. Full-figured Femme Fun! Interested in photography, crossdressing, and history. Attorney

EVE B. (IL-P-M0523-K1199-67)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee. Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. Awards: IFGE Trinity, Miss Dream, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair. Elegant fun-loving TG devoted to making our lives in this world better. Extensive outreach with Naomi O. to educate the world about our lifestyle.

GLORIA WRIGHT
(IL-P-M0613-K1205-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Tri-Ess. Born 1952, 5'3". "President of CGS, past officer in Tri-Ess. Too busy to re-

spond to mail now. Hopefully, I can respond to mail at a future time.

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-68)
Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). Member: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married CD, 5'11", birthyear 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, introspective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, nonsmoker, sensitive, heterosexual, devoted spouse and parent. "Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."



JACKIE V.
(IL-P-M3009-K5199-69)
Member CIGA, Tri-Ess, CGS. Attended several conventions. Hetero, S, 6', 160. "Would like to meet gals who support our lifestyle. Nondrinker, nonsmoker, no drugs. Love old cars, outdoors. Self-employed, love to be en femme. Dress daily."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-69)
Stylish, blonde TV, married. "Adore all things feminine, especially gowns, sexy party dresses, and photo sessions. Open to idcas about making a TV video. Satin and lace are so divine. Seek correspondence and photo exchange with TV/TSs and couples comfortable with this lifestyle. Can entertain and meet in Mid-West."

SUSAN ROBERTS
(IL-M3797-K4725-68)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. 5'11", 160, 45, blonde, brown eyes. Hetero. Married 19 years. Interested in all things feminine, music, especially classic guitar, cycling and woodworking. "Longtime CD, but relatively new, coming out of my closet. I think I am passable, not sure."

MARGO ST. VINCENT
(IL-P-M3384-K6781-68)
Early 30s, 5'6", plus size, blonde. "Love spike heels (3" or taller), lipstick, lingerie, garter belts, stockings, long nails, and hair. I get into looking slutty. Enjoy meeting dominant GGs or TVs to train me in feminine aspects. Love photography, video sessions. Answer all w/ photo."

HEDY H. (IL-P-M3569-K7483-68)
"Courtesan? Rusty-haired, mature very pretty 'in between' is plausible with her lush 41-29-42 figure. I am only 5'7", 140 in my stockings. Rendezvous in KC, Indy, Saint Louis, Chicago, Memphis possible. For big fun, gaiety, RSVP with your best snapshot, get-acquainted letter."

DIANE DEEDEE BOLDEN
(IL-M3994-K8608-67)
50, 5'11", 14T, MWM. "Dressed secretly for years. Out in public a few times, but terrified. Found Tri-Ess in November '92 and am most grateful for the acceptance and support. Am a professional who lectures, consults, teaches, and writes. Wife is very understanding but not interested in seeing me dressed. Enjoy classical music, theater, conversation, sharing stories. At times pass well."

BRITTANY M.
(IL-M4201-K7033-67)
Brown hair, blue eyes. Interested in music and reading. "I am still in the closet, but would like to kick the door open. I would be interested in corresponding or meeting CD/TV/TSs. I would like to share my dreams with them and maybe someday I can walk proud as the feminine within."

BARBARA GLADE
(IL-P-M4148-K8938-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Chicagoland TV, 30, 5'10", 170, married to supportive wife. Professional, interested in travel, exercise, autos. "Attend many Tri-Ess meetings/socials. Am not as active in CD scene as I could like. Looking for CDs to go out and help with my goal of passing"

MICHELLE MATTHEWS
(IL-P-M4150-K8905-67)
DWM, 44, 5'11", 150. Interested in photography; reading; boundary waters/Quetico Park; guitar; chess; sports; sexy, feminine clothing; hormones. "Dressed at four. Fought it for years, but learning to relax and enjoy it. Ready to correspond/meet understanding TV/TS/GG's. Don't know if I pass, but I'd love to."

MELISSA MICHELLE H.
(IL-M4267-K2011-67)
SW TV, hetero, 5'7", 200 and losing, mid40s. "CD 25 years. Finally gave in to complete dressing last 3 years. Just discovered IFGE, *Tapestry*. Love Melissa, but need help with cosmetics, deportment, etc. Want to meet ladies to learn from/with. Want to join a group, attend conventions and become more involved."

ALISSA WARE
(IL-M4314-K5715-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Chicago. 5'10", 165, 33, divorced TV. Ultra interest in lingerie, heels, foundations. "Like my makeup with an intense look. Girlfriend very supportive, assists in my dressing. Want to hear from couples or TVs who like to dress and act like a bunch of girls. Will answer all, especially those with a photo."

JOANNE R. KUZMICKUS
(IL-P-M4322-K9303-68)
New woman, 10 years, sincere, full-figured. "Would like genetic females, straight or lesbian, for warm, open friendships. Employed college student. Like to be active. Many educational and cultural interests. Seekwarmletters, photos. Would like meaningful two-way relationships. No cheap thrills or sexual activities."

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

BARBARA B.
(MO-P-M0258-K0560-71)
Member TCNE, NWGA, SLGF. DWM, hetero, 53, 5'10", 160. Interested in music, fashion, movies, meeting other sisters, camping. "Lifelong crossdresser. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy small social get-togethers as well as CD events. Would like to correspond with and meet similar couples in St. Louis area."

JENNIFER RICHARDS
(MO-P-M2689-K4328-68)
Born and raised in Philadelphia; flourished in Portland, OR; developed in St.

Louis; a DREAM girl, MAGGIE enthusiast, active Congress Rep.; an IFGE Trinity recipient. MC/singer/dancer/producer, organizer, officer. Interested in outreach, personal growth, fulfillment, encouragement, balance. "Keep smiling, keep shinin', knowing you can always count on me-for sure-That's what friends are for . . . "

TERRIE REESE
(MO-P-M2809-K4662-68)
Member Kansas City CAF. 5'10", long red hair, pass easily, TG. Interested in computers, art, fashion, cosmetology. "Married to a lovely woman. Owner of Digital Dreams, a fantasy photo retouch service. Let us make you look your best. Write for free brochure."

ROXANNE VELDY
(MO-P-M3623-K7751-68)
Member StLGF. Self-employed visual artist. MWM, 38, 5'11", children, wife tolerant, but not supportive. Involved with the gender community in St. Louis. Not passable, but trying. Out 10 years, still battling for self acceptance. "I enjoy life and all its varied experience. Can we talk?"

JORDYNNE BAKER
(MO-NP-M3874-K4403-70)
Secretary StLGF. "Happy to be doing more to help others. Still learning from all of you, and hope to continue growing. Please write. Let's share hope, dreams, and love. Have stopped to smell the roses. All of you are beautiful."

INGE VON KEHL
(MO-M3351-K6634-68)
Member CAF, KCK; GDS, KCMO. Post-op TS, academic professional (Medicine). "Enjoy theater, international travel, classical music. Fluent in Spanish, English, German. Like philosophical, scientific conversation over dinner."

JULIE RUSSELL
(MO-NP-M3958-K2970-69)
DWM, hetero, 51, 6', 185. Interested in shopping, socializing, travel, football, and all types of female clothing. "Am not really looking for anything with this listing. I just think *Tapestry* is a great publication and want to support it. I do plan to attend a major event this year."

BETSY ANN COLLIER
(MO-NP-M4526-K6214-69)
41, 5'9", DWM, slimming, bi-curious, friendly, bookish. Many interests. "New to femme self. Shy, anxious to make friends for mutual fun/support (M, F, or TV). Will certainly return any kindness (my only criterion), and help how I can."

KANSAS (660- 679-)

APRIL W. (KS-M4297-K5621-67)
MWM. 5'6", 155, blonde, hazel eyes. Interested in fishing, auto races and driving trucks. "Enjoy crossdressing. Wife knows, but doesn't approve. Kids don't know. Would like to hear from MWM, or someone to help me out and give me advice. Love to hear from all married men, or anyone who will write."

EVELYN B.
(E KS-P-M0400-K1329-68)
"Tall, thin, enjoy getting out. Interested in meeting others interested in gender issues in Kansas City and other midwestern cities. Want to perfect classy and sophisticated feminine image. Active in some of the support groups. Lots of information on local resources and friendly shops. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

LEONA L.
(KS-NP-M4446-K8836-68)
CD, very tall, and in great shape. "Very much enjoy dressing up. It's very exciting. Have gone out some at night, and once in the day. Have been dressing many years. Would like to share ideas and correspond with others on their experiences."

NEBRASKA (680- 693-)

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-69)
Member of Emerald City. 6'1", 14, recently married, 40's, almost passable, non-smoker. "Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, especially the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated friendly, pilot, physically active, computer literate. Like to correspond and meet couples, TVs for discussion, local activities."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-70)
"I enjoy all that is feminine and wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, and discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs and genetic females for friendship."

MELISSA JEAN H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-68)
Member GIC Denver, Delta Chapter. Attended Coming Together. 47, 6'2", 195, lifelong TV, divorced. Interests; rural living, travel, entertaining, photography, fantasies, socializing, golf, fishing, discovering new things. "This flower seems to be a real slow bloomer. Opening even under the limits of country life. Enjoy hearing from sisters, would like to hear from any GG. Hope to get married again someday."

LOUISIANA (700- 714-)

LISA HART
(LA-P-M1717-K1348-67)
Single TV, 39, 5'10", slim figure. Quiet, sensitive female . . . occasionally. Successful systems analyst, and linguist at other times. Quite comfortable with both aspects of my personality. "I love going out when I am dressed. Have developed cherished friendships with several *Tapestry* correspondents. Hope to hear from others who are comfortable with their female personae."

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-68)
Member Tri Delta Chi. "I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, and am my most relaxed when I am a woman. Love being out among my sisters, would welcome corresponding with them."

ARKANSAS (716- 729-)

STEPHENIE RENEE' F.
(AR-M1841-K1998-68)
MWM, 5'8", 145, 38, brown hair/eyes. Interested in camping, bike riding, photography, learning, being ,perfecting Stephanie. "Lifclong CD, married to once supportive, semi-understanding wife. Enjoy shopping or just going out as Stephanie as much as possible. Pass very well."

JANA H.
(S AR-P-M2042-K2442-68)
Member Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi. MWM, 50's, 5'7", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel. "Can we talk? Into full dressing eight years. Spouse helps, but not crazy about it. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-D's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more. Possibly meet in Ark, La, or Miss."

OKLAHOMA (730- 749-)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, 60's, retired. Wife accepts but not supporting. A so-so passer, but going out since 1991. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing and transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. "Like to meet and correspond with like-minded people."

GEE TRANSU
(OK-NP-M4204-K7024-67)
A lady of a certain age. Interested in dressing up, high heels, lingerie, classical music, musical theater, literature, history, computers. E-mail welcomed. Address to Gee, Compuserve ID #71672,2367.

TEXAS (750- 799-)

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX
(E TX-P-M1250-K1398-68)
Participant in many events. Chairman Tri-Ess Board, President Tau Chi Chapter, Staff Coördinator, Coming Together; WACS Honorary Woman Award; Texas T Party Outstanding Couple. 44, 6'2", chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane and wife Frances enjoy communicating with new couples ,strongly committed to integrating crossdressing and family values.

JANICE HILARY RUPARD
(S TX-M0567-K1413-67)
Attended Coming Together 1-5, Texas T 1,2, Esprit '90. Mid60's going on 50. Interested in dressing as a lady of my age. Usually passable, but who cares? "I try to answer all letters, but may take awhile. Be sure to include your address. My psychic powers can only do so much, and the ones without return addresses are often the most interesting."

BOBBIE KAYE
(TX-M2089-K8064-69)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos, awarded Miss Engenue. MWM, TV, 44, 6', 200, supportive wife. Interested in playing golf, computers, BBS support. "Out and about cautiously. Enjoy my feminine side and share her with my wife (my best friend). Would like to share experiences/ thoughts with others."

DONNA E. MOBLEY
(TX-P-M1734-K1897-67)
Member Tri-Ess Board of Directors. Participant Coming Together '90, '91, Texas T Party '91, Holiday En Femme '89, '90, '91, Fantasy Adventure Weekend '89. SWM, 40-something, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Interested in scale modeling, photography, breaking nails. Widely traveled college grad, former military (combat correspondent), now professional TV/ video producer. Actively involved in community activities.

CASEY COLE
(S TX-M1907-K2196-67)
Member ETVC, Boulton & Park, Austin Second Image. Attended every Texas T Party. Hetero male living with supportive GG. Interested in construction, cabinetry, bicycling, camping.

LIANA JAMES
(TX-M2949-K5062-69)
Bright, intelligent, happy and caring heterosexual TV. "Single, living alone and very interested in our crossdressing world. Hobbies include dressing en femme, photography, computers, travel and people who are fun to be with."

CHERYL CLARK
(TX-P-M2116-K2510-69)
Member Austin Second Image. Attended Texas T Party, '90 & '91, '92, Coming Together '91, '92, Texas Seminar on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. 47, 5'9", 150, blond hair, blue eyes, accepted in public. Interested in celebrating femininity as Cheryl: shopping, restaurants, etc. Love music, dancing, good conversation, and honest people. Lecture on transgenderism at the Austin Community College."

CAROL BAKER
(N TX-P-M2179-K2597-69)
Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega. Attended all Texas T Parties. 5'11", 175, married with supportive family. "Outgoing. Not shy. Enjoy promoting crossgender lifestyles. Always try to present the best image possible. Love to go public, meet people, correspondence."

JOANNA STEPHENS
(TX-P-M2722-K4386-68)
Member Sigma Epsilon/Delta Omega. Early 40s, warm and friendly bigenderist. "Tall and slim, 5'11", 138. Lover of life and people. Enjoy photography, social events, and being me. Shopaholic size 10 blonde with crystal blue eyes. Always enjoy meeting new people."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY (TX-P-M2940-K4963-69)
Member of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy. Out of Closet and successful transgendered attorney. Interested in helping people out of their closets, fighting myths and stereotypes, public speaking on our issues. "This is not '76 when I came out, this is 1992. Came out - come out. You are an okay person. Don't put up with the guilt and shame lie."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS (TX-P-M3112-K5688-69)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, Delta Omega. "Married, hetero, extremely supportive wife. Educated professional. Pass well. Enjoy everything feminine, especially fine lingerie and pretty dresses. Interested in photography, fashion, history, world travel, and the arts. Enjoy exchanging photos, helping other sisters, and sharing life's experiences. Am sometimes slow to respond."

ELLEN CARLSON (TX-P-M3174-K6055-69)
Single, 36, 5'11", 158, size 16. "Want to be TS real bad. Love being and dressing like a woman at home. Getting better at passing every day. Very feminine and loving. Looking for serious relationship with TS, SM or female. Photo if possible. (Formerly Stephanie Spiegel.)"

NANCY BAKER (TX-P-M3186-K6109-67)
Member Boulton and Park. Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Married hetero CD. "Wife knows, but has difficulty dealing with it. Am interested in meeting others for socializing and conversation. Would also like to correspond with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing and petticoat punishment."

DIANNA B. (TX-P-M3267-K6402-70)
Member of Boulton & Park, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. 6', 180, 45, brown hair and eyes. Interested in cooking, gardening, fishing, woodworking. "Out of the closet December '91. Have a supportive wife. Wish there were more hours in the day so I would have more time to dress."

MONICA-LEE MARIE (TX-P-M3506-K7202-68)
Hetero CD, 30, 5'11", 150, healthy. "Enjoy conversation, movies, reading, and travel. Seeking Lipstick Lesbian for sharing girl talk and candle light. If humor and compassion mixed with a passion for feminine fashion sounds like fun—what are you waiting for? Please send photo. Desert hearts unite."

JEAN G. (TX-M3421-K6856-67)
Single, 71, 6', 160, gray hazel eyes. Never married. Crossdressed since childhood. TS inclinations. "Welcome correspondence from all, especially mature men. Collection of TV/TS/CD books, memorabilia, newspaper items. Complete copy of Christine Jorgensen articles that appeared in *American Weekly* in the '50s. AKA left leg due to WW II."

TAYLOR MONTGOMERY (TX-M3818-K6221-68)
Member GCTC, ReCast, TATS, Boulton & Park.

CHERYL L. BOLEN (TX-P-M3629-K7747-67)
Member GCTC. 5'15", shy, but artistic and fun-loving TV/TS? Interested in art, music, feminine side. "Would love to correspond with others about living as a female. Consider dating understanding and supportive hetero males."

RANDI P. (TX-M3650-K7875-68)
Member Boulton & Park. MWM, lifelong TV, 55, 5'10", professional, quiet and shy. "Interested in nurturing the femininity I have always suppressed and being who I really am. Would like to meet compatible friends and winter Texans in the Valley for social occasions."

KIM HUNTER (TX-P-M3708-K8038-68)
Single, mid-30's, 5'7", blonde, blue, taking hormones. Happy, well-adjusted, loves animals, intelligent conversation, romantic candle-lit dinners, slow dancing, cooking, classical-to-jazz, and country life (owns small farm). "Will answer all who send photo."

DIANNE G. (TX-M3405-K6867-67)
39, single, 5'11", 145. Interested in art, photography, gardening, cooking reading. "Want to hear from and respond to all who are interested in the Texarkana and four states area. Open minded and interested in meeting."

DEBBIE B. (TX-NP-M3921-K7883-69)
MWM, TV, bi. Novice at crossdressing. "Am interested in writing to others who are discreet. 5'10", 160, and trying to reduce to 14. My main goal is to feel comfortable being out in public as my hidden self. Will reply to all."

KIMBERLY S. (TX-P-M4178-K1091-67)
5'10", 136, sophisticated and sincere CD. "Looking for what may seem impossible, a MWM 35-40 seeking discreet relationship. Write if you are interested. Photo appreciated."

JANELL STEPHENS (TX-P-M4181-K9051-67)
MW pre-op TS, 5'6", 145, brown hair and eyes, 38. "Just a down-home west Texas girl in the Abilene area. Train horses, love outdoors and quiet evenings, good conversationalist, excited about my SRS. Very passable. Wife is somewhat sup-

portive. Want to meet and support all my sisters in TX, NM, AR, LA. Will answer promptly."

LINDA B.
(TX-NP-M4547-K9774-69)
Post-op TS, 5'7", 130, 28, 100% passable. "On hormones since age 15. Surgery at age 21. Would like to make friends with other TSs, men interested in TSs, anyone. I can offer my experience, support. We are all very special! Please write."

MARK J. (TX-P-M4275-K2691-67)
31, M, self-employed, athletically fit, residing in Dallas. Seeks attractive TV, TS for friendship that could develop into a possible long-term relationship. All answered with letter and photo.

BEVERLY MOORE
(TX-P-M4320-K6377-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Texas Rose. Attended Metro-plex CD Club, Delta Omega. Single TV/CD. Interested in classic cars, shopping, dancing outdoors, writing, old movies, cold cozy nights. "Enjoy being a woman, understanding people, going out in public. Exchange letters, photos, meet/date in my area. Answer all."

TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-NP-M4460-K9001-69)
5'9", 165, 30. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows and evenings on the town. Your photo gets my letter."

MELANIE T.
(TX-M3537-K7180-67)
Member Tau Chi, GCTC. Attended Texas T Party (4), Fantasia Fair, Be All, Holiday En Femme, Dignity Cruises (4). "Young 50 year old CD married to ultimate supportive SO. Enjoy everything feminine, travel, my beautiful wife, Dr. Peggy Rudd, author of *My Husband Wears My Clothes* and *Crossdressing with Dignity*. I enjoy meeting all from the gender community."

COLORADO (800- 816-)

ROXANNE SALEM
(C CO-M2600-K3768-67)
Member GIC, Delta Chapter Tri-Ess. Attended Fall Harvest '90, '91, IFGE Convention '91. 40+, SWM TV. "Enjoy meeting sisters and brothers in this fantastic community. The development and empowerment of Roxanne has brought depth, meaning, peace and contentment into my life. Keep the life force flowing and keep believing in you."

RENAE E. (CO-M2948-K5068-68)
MWM, 40's, 6', 190. Interested in photography, woodworking, needlepoint. "Closeted, wife somewhat supportive. Dressing since age three. Would like to correspond to gain confidence."

GERI G. (CO-P-M3077-K5676-69)
MWM, hetero, 5'11", 180, 52. Interested in fishing, camping, movies, and music. Travel Rocky Mountain area. Love to go out dressed, but would like other CD friends to go out for dinner and a show. Write if you are looking for someone to go out dressed with, and if you enjoy life being a woman."

LORI DEE HARMON
(CO-P-M3105-K5692-69)
MWM, 39, 5'11", 190, 16. Enjoy hunting fishing, golf as time permits. Avid baseball and football fan. This is secondary to my love of being and feeling feminine. "Wife knows, not supportive. Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels, and career dresses, skirts, blouses. Need help with makeup and wig. Ready to interact with my sisters and develop a passing image."

SHELLY WILLIAMS
(CO-M3168-K6038-68)
Received Suicide Prevention Award. 5'10", 37, pre-op TS. Interested in helping other crossgender persons with children, Native American life. "Business owner, living with nature, with life. Willing to help the TV/TS community to deal with areas of problems they may face."

SHEETAH O.
(CO-P-M3638-K6276-68)
GWM, 6', 165, 46, blue/green eyes. Good sense of humor, shy with new people, outgoing rest of time. Submissive as a woman. Prefer glamour look. Long legs, trim, sensitive breasts.

WENDI M. (CO-M3725-K8260-68)
S TV, 39, 6', 135. Interested in computers, rock climbing, skiing, and being Wendi. "Have been dressing for years, but never made it past the front door. Would like to make friends to help me get out the door. Need all the help I can get."

ANGIE HOWE
(CO-M4154-K8933-67)
MWM, hetero CD, very young, early 50s, CD 5 yrs. Interested in traveling, golf, model railroading, gardening, dressing. "Wife very supportive. She has sewn most of my extensive wardrobe. Interested in corresponding with and possibly meeting other hetero CDs and learning more about CD culture and my feminine self."

MARLA B.
(CO-P-M4263-K5352-67)
Member Delta Chapter, Tri-Ess; CIS Genderline. SWM, hetero, TV, 41, software designer, artist, writer, teacher, businessman and engineer. "Enjoy dining, plays, shows and music. Delight in both the balance and the dichotomy of my male and female self. Welcome meeting others in the gender community, and GGs as well."

WYOMING (820- 831-)

LORI LARKIN
(WY-NP-M3229-K6287-70)
Member Tri-Ess, GIC, Denver, CO. Attended T Party '92-'94, California Dreamin' '93. Divorced, mid-40s, 5'6", slight build, 7/8. Interested in golf, fishing, Corvettes, shopping, and dressing. "Would love to spend more time as Lori, but am somewhat restricted by where I live. Looking forward to new experiences. Like corresponding with others. Travel, outings possible."

MICHELLE INGLE
(WY-P-M3332-K1454-69)
Attended Coming Together. MWM, 34, 5'7", 140. Interested in movies, rock 'n' roll music, dancing, shopping, fashionable clothing. "Wife supportive and understanding. Enjoy going out as Michelle when I can. Would like to meet, correspond, and exchange photos."

IDAHO (832- 838-)

WANDA S. (ID-M3238-K6335-70)
SWM, 50. Interested in autos, fishing, reading, and music. "Starting to more thoroughly explore my femininity. Would like to meet/correspond with other TV/TSs in ID, OR, WA, area."

DAVI BRIGGS
(ID-P-M2078-K2472-68)
TV with strong TS tendencies, S, 5'11", 155, mid-40's, brown eyes, brown hair. "I like going to the mall. Sometimes I'll stay there all day. I like bowling, water/snow skiing, roller skating, would try roller blades, hooking rugs. Would like to hear from other TV/TS sisters from different parts of the world."

RENEE W.
(ID-P-M3586-K7579-67)
Member Tri-Ess. SWM hetero TV, 32, 5'10", 175. "Enjoy my classy wardrobe and going out. Like all aspects of feminine lifestyle, and am passable. Want to meet others like myself who live close enough to visit. Will share photos and letters with all sisters."

BARBARA NEWMAN
(ID-P-M4354-K9249-68)
Member Tri-Ess. 45, SWM. Interested in camping, football card collecting and being Barbara. "I am a lifelong crossdresser who just recently went out for the first time. I have a supportive girlfriend. Want to write other sisters. Will try to respond to all. Will trade pictures."

UTAH (840- 847-)

MARY ANN L.
(UT-P-M2120-K1458-67)
M-F CD, friendly, feminine, good sense of humor. Interested in golf, tennis, dancing, ice skating, fashion. "Would especially like to meet and correspond with F-M CD with similar interests."

CHRISTY MILLER
(UT-P-M2816-K4667-68)
"Beauty and the beast." Your photo gets my letter.

LEIA CHEIQUE
(UT-M3392-K6840-69)
Lifetime CD, mid-40s. Travel extensively throughout the US on business. Member TCNE. "Visited Renaissance. Enjoy dining, theater, social contacts en femme. Desire meeting sisters in all areas of U.S.."

LINDA W.
(UT-P-M3930-K5354-70)
Member GIC of Denver. Attended Fantasia Fair '92, IFGE Convention '93. MWM, 47, pre-op TS. Goal is SRS late '93. Interested in travel, nondrinker, nonsmoker, gardening, clothes, shopping. "Want to correspond with TSs and women who find TSs interesting. Living full time as a woman now. Would like to meet and talk with TS to discuss how to cope with children, one 2, one 6, and transition."

ARIZONA (850- 864-)

GEORGE B.
(AZ-M1012-K1461-68)
"Hello, I would like to write or meet new friends in the transgender community. I am 44, F-M. If you have a computer, let's network. Bye."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-68)
TV, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic and attractive. Enjoy creating the illusion of a sophisticated, fashionable woman who presents in good taste. Many interests including art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, and fashions. "Love to meet and/or correspond with passable CDs in Phoenix area and other parts of the country. Not interested in men!"

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-NP-M1056-K1467-70)
Member A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, and dogs. "Fond of gold clothes, heels, and blonde hair, but also enjoy tight Levi skirts and tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Please write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-68)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties and bras in all styles and colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. real passion for heels, hosiery, and lingerie. Would like to correspond with TV sisters, exchange photos and lingerie."

LEE REYNOLDS
(AZ-P-M2514-K3665-67)
Member Alpha Zeta. Attended Texas T, Holiday En Femme, Coming Together. Presenter at Esprit '93, "Learning to Speak like a Woman." "Active in the crossgendered community as a speech therapist. Have a beginner's video tape for speaking like a woman. Also Tips for the creation of the illusion of Cleavage. Trade photos."

DAGNY TAGGART
(AZ-P-M3268-K6393-67)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta. Hetero CD, mid-30's, 5'10", 130, divorced. Enjoy outdoor activities, computers, dogs and cats, and girl stuff. "I'm the First Lady of Alpha Zeta, the Arizona Tri-Ess chapter.

I enjoy shopping and dining out en femme. Would like to correspond with women by birth. Email: 75056,100 CompuServe."

TRISH NICOLE THOMAS
(AZ-NP-M3320-K6584-70)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. 5'9", 30ish. Attended Holiday En Femme, '93. Single, college degreed, sense of humor, open-minded. "Former California/Colorado girl. Now a Desert Dudette. Out regularly with alley Girls, for sure. Enjoy FI shows, movies, sports, snow skiing, working out. SASE works best."

RASHEL RICHARDS
(AZ-NP-M4084-K8769-70)
Member Tri-Ess. Single, hetero transgenderist. Interested in SCUBA diving, underwater photography, travel and everything feminine. "Love to network with serious sisters. Own women's apparel new and resale shop catering to the gender community."

LYNDA MERCY
(AZ-P-M4210-K7303-67)
Member A Rose, SWFMA. "Hi! Bi-TG, songstress, guitars, flute, OUTDOORSY. Mourning the loss of my truck. Celebrating my annual 29th birthday again. Running a one-woman band, RAVENUS. Original music, not for everyone. LOVE, YESUS, JOY US, GOD US."

KASSANDRA G.
(AZ-NP-M4269-K0263-71)
Local MAGGIE affiliate. MWM, CD 44, 5'11", 175, blonde, blue eyes. "Like all types of music, corresponding with and meeting other CDs and women who enjoy the companionship of CDs. Enjoy going to clubs, other public places as a woman. Also being with real women while dressed. Look forward to new acquaintances."

CRYSTAL B.
(AZ-P-M4427-K9668-68)
6'0", 170, 39, single TV/CD. Enjoy science fiction, cars, boating, antiques. "Wish to meet/ correspond with other sisters and enjoy my femininity more."

DIANA ISHAM
(W-AZ-M4407-K8992-68)
Hetero single TV, 50, 5'3", 125. Interested in music, reading, meeting sisters, and attending social events. "Need sisters for support to go places with. Always dressed at home. Would love to have visitors who could talk me into going out in public dressed."

TOMMIE P.
(AZ-NP-M4482-K9695-69)
MWM, hetero TV, 37, 5'10", 185. Interested in cars, outdoors, bicycling, long walks, shopping, writing about my CD experiences. "Novice TV cautiously venturing into wonderful feminine world. Love to meet and correspond with other TV/TS and understanding women who can be of support to me. Will write to all who include photo."

DIANA L. (AZ-M4346-K9599-68)
"TS and hoping to begin the journey soon. Truth and beauty, glamour and fashion, children—just like any other girl. Worship my gorgeous five-year-old daughter. Consider me a little sister, though in my 40s, since I only recently committed to the change. Kind, loving, smart, fun, funny, and good looking. Do write."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884-)

RENEE G. (NM-M4200-K7141-67)
33, 5'8", 145, closet CD. "Love heels, hose, lace and lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, and meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

ERIKA DALE
(NM-P-M2634-K4119-67)
Member Feminet BBS. Attended Fantasy Realization B & D Ball '92. Professional, well educated, 38, pre-op TS, 5'8", 159, brunette , green eyes. "Love being Erika, been told I am cute, if somewhat athletic. Early stage pre-op TS. Dealing with typical issues of transition. Interested in meeting caring, intelligent man from the SW."

NEVADA (890- 898-)

LORI B. (NV-P-M3376-K6577-67)
33, 5'11", 155. Beginning transition, eternal optimist. Interested in business, writing, philosophical conversations, and shopping. "I like being me. Would like to correspond with ,possibly meet upbeat people for mutual support / friendship."

PATRICA D.
(NV-P-M3448-K7084-67)
5'7", DWM, hetero CD, blue eyes, brown hair. Interested in jazz, reading, and hiking. "Have just overcome lifelong sense of guilt. My sister and mother encouraged me to become their daughter/sister. Just started crossdressing again and am very happy with Patrica. Need help."

SUSAN BALLINGER
(NV-P-M3999-K8467-69)
"Hi, I'm Susan, an attractive, 30ish hetero TV, intelligent and sensitive. Interested in meeting feminine female for friendship and romance. Would also enjoy friendship and correspondence with TV/TSs. Like skiing, hiking, sailing, outdoor interests. Love living en femme and sharing this with the right person."

DIANA T. (NV-M4005-K8611-70)
MWM CD, 6'1", 175, 40s, professional, wife very supportive. "Looking for CD/ TV-friendly couple to help us unravel the mysteries of our secret world. I also collect lingerie-advertising items, and would love to hear from other collectors, will purchase/trade. Discreet meetings possible in Las Vegas or elsewhere."

CALIFORNIA (900- 960-)

BETSY B.
(N CA-M1104-K1692-68)
Member STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess. Participant Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe Femme Flings. DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CDs. Will answer correspondence."

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-NP-M0480-K1659-69)
DBM, Hetero, 45, 5'8", 145, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music, movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet TV/TSs, and ladies who understand. No men. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-68)
Member Tri-Ess, Alpha Chapter, National, and Tri Chi. Attended Holiday en Femme '87, '89, received Special Service Award, Tri-Ess. 59, divorced, professional. Interested in tennis, motorcycle touring, cross-country skiing. "I help Carol Beecroft in the Tri-Ess National office."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-68)
TS after many years of hiding in the closet. "Am happily moving rowards SRS. Love the wonderful changes in my body, but grieve the loss of a loving family unable to accept or understand. Would like to hear from others that have or are experiencing similar problems."

LISA MAXWELL
(CA-M1965-K2133-68)
MWM, 39, 5'8", 150, still in closet, very unsupportive wife. "Learning about who I am. Enjoy cosmetics, a clothes horse! Hoping for a major change in the future. (Please don't write as this isn't too cool under present situation.)"

SHARYN BETH MINSUK
(N CA-P-M1472-K7809-69)
SWM, Bi-TV, 33, 150, 6'0", long hair, currently in electrolysus. "Formerly Sharyn Stevens, but boyself has finally accepted femme self into the family! Interested in dates, NOT penpals (no time to write). Attractive, relaxed, nonsmoking companions sought, SF Bay area, for movies, conversation, sharing fantasies. Male female, or TV/TS. Also interested in dating TV/TS as Steve."

KAREN R.
(CA-P-M1514-K1234-68)
Attended Texas T Party '92, '93. Interested in comedy writing, typical CD stuff. "If you can poke fun at our community and still feel comfortable about yourself, you're my kind of person!"

ROXIE HOROWITZ
(S CA-P-M1636-K1549-67)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended California Dreamin'. SWM 5'8", 170, bigender. Runner, speaker, scriptwriter, actor, comic. "Wish to network with creative TVs throughout the nation. Like to hear from TVs who would make a great interview for 'Larry King.'"

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-70)
5'8", 158, 46, very discreet TV, supportive wife. "Recently moved to California. Enjoy computers, photography, ultra-light flying and all aspects of affecting a feminine persona. Rarely out in public, but self confidence is growing. Enjoy corresponding. Like to find a south Ventura County girl or two. Photo appreciated."

DONNA FREEMAN
(N CA-P-M1664-K1819-67)
Member DVG, ETVC, Tri-Ess, RGA, NWGA. Co-Founder of Diablo Valley Girls. Participant Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, Coming Together '89, Dignity Cruise I. MWM hetero TV, 46 5'9", 160, 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable. "Enjoy good food, friends and conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 5 years. Understanding and actively supportive wife."

SARAH W.
(N CA-P-M1727-K1877-68)
32, pre-op M-F TS, on hormones one year. Surgery scheduled for late 1993. "It has been an incredible year! From telling family, friends, and work, to going full-time, to feeling whole at last! Wish to offer support and understanding to my sisters. Quite active on the Internet."

STACY C.
(CA-P-M1806-K1961-71)
Married CD, 40s, 6'(she 5'7"), auburn, green (both of us). "We attended California Dreamin' '93. Psychology graduate student studying gender issues—specifically the root cause of TV/TS/CD. 'Is there a predictive measure for identifying this behavior before adulthood?' Would love correspondence with intelligent, open people. Include P/P for fast response."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-67)
Member ETVC in SF, RGA in San Jose, DVG in Walnut Creek. Participant Two Fantasia Fairs, two Texas T-Parties. 5'10", brown, blue, 51, pass well. Interested in all things feminine, computers, going out dressed with TV or alone, but best of all with my wife. "Recently married to an understanding woman who knew . . . best girlfriends and a wonderful wife. I'm smiling a lot of late!"

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(S CA-P-M1927-K2214-68)
MWM, 39, 5'10", size 18. Fun, caring and sensitive. Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interests; shopping, cooking, photography and all things feminine. "Enjoy meeting/ corresponding with TV/TSs, especially other queen sized sisters."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-69)

Cute white TV enjoys working in the community and helping others. "I travel to most of the conventions and also on business a lot. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others who have the same interests. Drop me a note and let's get together and go out on the town."

JANELLE & DIANA S.
(CA-P-M2327-K3024-69)

Married heterosexual couple. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others interested in music, literature, travel. Hobbies include needlecrafts, home decorating, computers, and movies. Interested in providing moral support for those still in the closet. "Everyone needs friends."

ROXANNA ROCHETTE
(N CA-P-M2350-K3063-70)

Member ETVC, DVG. Married redheaded TV, with open lifestyle and actively supportive wife. 5'11", 170, forever 39. Interested in art, photography, fashion, modeling, and erotica. "'We are who we pretend to be.' Interested in correspondence, friendship and meeting anyone who is sincere to practice the art of gender illusionism."

LORI CALLWAY
(SW CA-P-2586-67)

5'6", thin. Interested in old movies, 60s rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme. "I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. But, it's more than just a physical thing, it's a state of mind. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG/TS/TVs."

BOB DAVIS
(N CA-P-M2620-K1631-68)

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other collectors to compare acquisitions. Will trade or sell. Want: *Tapestry*, prior to #39, *Ladylike* #1 and 2, *Female Mimics International* #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's *Drag* and Virginia Prince's *Transvestia*."

KRIS C.
(C CA-P-M2713-K4340-67)

TV, 5'8", mid-thirties, brown hair/brown eyes. Sensitive and caring. Love feminine fashions, shopping for clothing, music, computers, sports. "Lifelong crossdresser who loves being feminine, especially when wearing dresses. Always open to advice on appearance. Will try to help anyone who corresponds by writing/photos."

PATTI PIERCE
(CA-P-M2799-K4649-68)

Member PPOC. Attended California Dreamin' '92. Hetero CD, widower, 6'2", 158. "Enjoy organic gardening, amateur radio, woodworking, shopping as Patti. Have fun corresponding with others and exchanging experiences and photos. Love pierced ears and earrings. Travel often in summer to various CD outings. Out of closet 3 yrs, enjoy each new adventure."

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-P-M2833-K4704-68)

Member ETVC. Attend most events in Bay area. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, WF, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F TS (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, and astrology. Enjoy music, dining out, pet lizards, and Siamese cat. "Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Arics. Bi-sexual lesbian in lesbian relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE and photo gets mine."

CHELSEA BROWN
(CA-NP-M2934-K4993-69)

34, 6', hazel eyes, red hair (sometimes). Interested in computers, reading (and writing) fiction. "I am still trying to find out who Chelsea is, and a means to get rid of 5 inches, 30 pounds and 10 years."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-P-M3030-K5498-69)

Member ETVC, Rainbow Gender Alliance. 5'8", 160, 14, white TS, single, 42. Interested in science, especially astronomy, cooking, gardening, and music. "I am a reentry student in engineering and doing well thanks to a new sense of self-esteem, and support from my bi-gendered sisters and brothers. Although hetero oriented, I would enjoy corresponding with anyone from our bi-gendered community."

JOSEPHINE C.
(CA-P-M3137-K5115-69)

"Black, hetero CD, 5'10", 195, married to a loving Japanese woman who understands my need to crossdress. Very shy, and would like to come out of the closet. Profession prevents it. Enjoy mathematics, chess, computers and Japanese. Love to make friends with CD/TV/TS/TG. Sexual orientation not a problem."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)

Member ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotil-

lion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30's (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *TV Guise* - Contributors welcome. "This is my real life."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-68)
Bi-TV/TS. "Have lived as a woman almost all of my life. Looking to hear from others. Age 23."

ANNA C. (CA-M3110-K5689-69)
SWM, 31, 6'. "Coming out very slowly. Desire correspondents in Santa Cruz/San Jose area. Into the erotic aspects of transvestism. No desire to pass or go public, currently. Ciao!"

CHERYL BEAUMONT
(CA-M3269-K6455-70)
Member ETVC. Busy professional, single, enjoy the hobby, only go for the complete look. "Finishing electrolysis this summer. Would be interested in swapping letters or, if you are on Compuserve, drop by the HSX-200 forum for a chat."

CHARLENE H.
(CA-P-M3460-K7122-67)
Member ETVC, DVG, NWGA. Pre-op TS, 55, 5'11", 162. "Living full time and enjoying life in N CA wine country. Nonsmoker, hazel eyes, auburn hair. Caring person. Interested in travel, vintage autos, C & W music, sewing, gardening, make some of my own clothes. Looking for sincere friendship with open-minded individual leading to possible relationship."

SALLY ADAMS
(CA-P-M3517-K7247-67)
MWM, 5'7", 145, nonsmoker, late-50's. Pretty man. Prettier woman. Interested in music, travel, everything feminine. "Raised as Sally pre-school. Dressed at home through high school, whenever possible thereafter. Wife non-supportive. I know no greater joy than being a 'woman by choice.' Love corresponding with sisters."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-M3627-K7688-67)
58, 5'10", 165, have nice figure. Like trips to the beach, vintage cars, sewing with machine, music. "Dress appropriately for my age, greyish wig, stylish clothes, etc. Enjoy dressing, wife supportive, but has never seen me dressed. Still in closet. Will answer all mail."

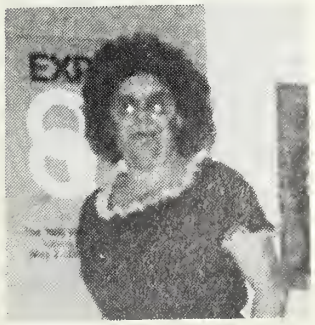
JENNIFER MICHAELS
(CA-M4132-K4879-68)
5'10", 140, MWM, passable. Enjoy shopping, biking, surfing, going out as Jennifer. "Wife is aware, but currently not accepting. Would like to correspond with others and share insights on how to balance CD and family life. Enjoy trading advice and suggestions regarding dressing. Will answer all letters."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-68)
TG, 43, Bi, androgynous, on hormones. Lifelong CD, supportive wife. "Delight in all that is soft and feminine. Fascinated by the issues of transformation of consciousness, magic and shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation and Deep-ecology. Would love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

BOBBI B.
(CA-P-M3693-K8021-68)
Tall, late 50's, accepting non-participating wife. Looks/acts much younger. Fun, spirited, sexy, needs social interaction. Loves role-playing/making videos—successful at it. "Let's meet, be social, role-play, maybe make videos together. Great fun/release. Very confidential. LA area."

PATSY A.
(CA-P-M3710-K8054-68)
Member ETVC. MWM, TV, tax accountant, 44. "Like softball, biking, camping, family outings, and, of course, dressing when possible. Support gender groups, but not dressing in public. Host tea parties w/female friends. Like to correspond with North Bay/SF TVs and friends."

PAMELA A. MILLER
(CA-P-M4107-K8760-67)
Member Tri-Ess. 5'8", 155, 14, 53. Interested in service groups, helping others, music (all kinds), old movies, Star Trek (new one), walking on the beach, clothes shopping, my jacuzzi, practicing makeup, my own long hair (blondes do have more fun), dancing (all kinds), long dresses. "Recently out, Wow! Please write. "



MARY R.
(CA-NP-M4140-K8927-70)
5'1", WM, 49, hazel eyes. "Love to dance. Appreciate classy CS's in forties. Travel by public transportation in SF Bay area. Looking for friends, place to dress, socialize in Marin. Non-smoker."

REBECCA ELIZABETH B.
(CA-M3793-K2890-68)
SWM, 44, 5'7½", 135. Interested in music, movies, books, cooking, stamps, all things feminine. "Still closeted, but wanting to come out. Have been crossdressing since age 9. Now that my daughter is grown and married, it is time for the true me to emerge. Seeking sisters for support and guidance on my journey."

CAROL SCHOFIELD
(CA-P-M4371-K9636-68)
Pre-op TS, 5'8", 140, ash blonde. Interested in art, music, theater, people, fitness, intelligent conversation. "I would like to meet a successful gentleman (50s plus) who knows how to treat a lady, and very passable TV/TSs for friendship. Photo appreciated for response."

LINDA LEE
(CA-P-M4411-K9187-69)
Member RGA, Diablo Valley Girls, ETVC, Sacramento Gender Association. President Northstate Gender Association and Girl Flyers. "Been out since January '93. Discovered associations and marched with ETVC in the San Fran parade. Want to thank all who made this possible."

JAMIE H.
(CA-NP-M4532-K7546-70)
Blue eyed, 44, lifelong CD. Looks and thinks years younger. 5'7", 150. "I'm 25% into electrolysis and will begin hormones spring '94. Enjoy music, sports, outdoors and feminine attire. Would love

to meet understanding women and new friends within the gender community."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-M4068-K8799-70)
Member Tri-Ess. MWM, 6'+, 215, 60+, non-smoker, wife unaccepting. "Have not allowed myself to accept femme side until recently. Am learning. Finding that there are other sisters who are most supportive and cordial has been very helpful. Dress when able. Will answer all. Enjoy and encourag contacts with sisters."

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969-)

TRACY ANN RYAN
(HI-M2180-K2598-69)
Member Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. "M-F TG. As president of our local gender organization, I am very active in Hawaii's T community. Although I no longer have time to maintain penpal correspondence, I will write to those inquiring about our group or issues concerning the formation of groups elsewhere."

ALANA A.
(HI-P-M3308-K6597-67)
Asian, hetero, CD, 41, 5'9". Interested in all aspects of our wonderful feminine lifestyle. Yearning to achieve total feminine look. Still in closet. Anxious to go public. "Love to meet with, correspond with sincere, discreet CDs in order to enhance our female image. Will answer all letters."

OREGON (970- 979-)

KAREN KROLL
(NW OR-P-M0322-K1576-67)
Member NWGA, RCGC. Pre-op TS, 50, 5'9", 186, on hormones 3 years, and started to live full-time in '93. "Outgoing and friendly personality. Enjoy meeting and writing to others. Have written articles on TS & CD issues and have taken part in several panel discussions. Changing careers in '93 so I am returning to school fo an MSW in counseling."

MICHAEL/MICHELLE T.
(OR-M4211-K9494-67)
33, SBM, TV, 5'9", 151. "Fun, sensitive, sincere, and attractive. Enjoy a full feminine figure. Love *all* things feminine! Have enjoyed crossdressing in the closet all my life. I'm coming out! Would love to have many, many girlfriends. No picture, yet. Looking to meet like-minded in Portland area for sharing, support."

ELLEN SUMMERS
(OR-P-M0382-K1703-64)
IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee. Member NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City. Awards "DREAM" Grand Dame '83, IFGE Trinity '91. 5'10", 185. "Been part of our community 17 years. Enjoy travel, big band era music, being Ellen, shopping for Ellen. Wish to help new girls. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-68)
Member NWGA. SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. "Enjoy all activities as Roni. Enjoy being out and about in town. Have appeared on several television and radio talk shows. Captain of the bowling team."

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

MICHELLE DANIELS
(WA-M3532-K7254-67)
5'8", 165, long red hair, green eyes, 40. Interested in '50's, '60's, '70's cars, seeing new places, meeting new and all great people in our special ways. "Not much in the way of support groups or the likes around here. Have to go a ways, but still do dress and love it. Love to correspond with others. Travel continental US part of summer. Will answer all."

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-67)
Member Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91, VP of Emerald City. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, 47. Interested in CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. "Enjoy going out and doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs and look forward to more. Want to be accepted as middle-aged lady I am."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-68)
Member Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. "Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do and having fun."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-68)
Member Emerald City, Omega Alpha Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'9", 200, 59, TS living full-time. Interested in sewing and design, art, calligraphy, scale model planes, collect dolls and stamps, model railroading. "The wife is a good friend. I enjoy hearing from others and will answer all ."

TRACI S.
(WA-P-M2942-K7835-69)
Member XX Club/GICNE Program, AEGIS. Pre-op M-F, 32, 5'2", 110, brunette, hazel eyes. "Recently moved here from Massachusetts and living full time in my preferred gender role. Want to correspond with other *former* gender dysphorics (TSs) who wish to provide and/or receive information/advice relevant to our plight."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-69)
Member Emerald City, Tri-Ess. 5'7", 155, 52, brown hair and eyes. Married 25 years to an understanding woman. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, and reading. Enjoy working with other CDs on the Emerald City Hot Line and write to sisters in the NW who are patient with slow responses."

GERRI BECKEN
(WA-P-M3230-K6299-67)
6'0", 170, 39, single CD/TV. Like reading romance and science fiction, bicycling, long walks, dressing. "Wish to meet and/or correspond with other sisters. Enjoy dressing and occasionally going out in public. Only occasionally able to enjoy my feminine self."

KRISTEN A. LANGLEY
(WA-P-M3560-K7441-68)
Member Emerald City. 35-year-old M-F pre-op TS. Participant Esprit '93. "Finally becoming 'Red' after far too many years. Interests: photography, cartooning, model railroading and *Star Trek*. I'm a hopeless romantic who has a great sense of humor, too!"

JASON CROMWELL
(WA-M3828-K1722-69)
Member of Ingersoll Gender Center. Attended Coming Together '91, '92, Southern Comfort '91, '92. FTM, 40, active in gender community for past nine years. Interested in anthropology, art, music (rock to open), literature, riding a motorcycle. "Interested in corresponding with other FTMs and female TVs. Sometimes slow to reply, but will answer all."

ALASKA (995- 999-)

NORA JEAN YORK
(AK-NP-M1425-K1744-70)
Founder Berdache Society, Identity, Equal, Congress of Representatives. 1st Berdache Princess, Princess Imperial Court of all Alaska, Speak Out America, Alternative Medicine Advocates, Coronations '89, '90, '91, '92, '93. "Am finally enjoying being the woman I was meant to be. A friendly, happy TS in transition. Studying aroma therapy, herbalism, Goddess Worship and Wicca."

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-67)
Member Berdache Society. Attended Alaska Coronation '92. WHM, 50, hetero, supportive wife, children grown and gone. 5'5", 140. Interested in computers, art, music, flying and being feminine. "Like to spend all my free time as a woman, go out dressed a lot. Try to promote Berdache Society. For those interested in this uniquely Alaskan group, write me."

BILLIE SULLIVAN
(AK-P-M4324-K2359-67)
Blk TG, 6'2", 240 and losing. Interested in aviation, computers, SF, people, fashion. "Married, wife knows, somewhat supportive. Not passable, but love being the woman I am. Live minis, full petticoats, corsets and nylons."

CANADA

STACEY M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-71)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. "Consider myself a dresser, not cross. Stacey is an embellishment to my male role. I'm very open and public. Passing not an issue. Presentability and decorum important. Using dressing for personal growth of self."

CAROLYN A.
(CAN-M1087-K1770-68)
"I'm a still holding 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi-WMM CD, well educated professional with a sensuous, caring attitude and a sense of humor. I pass adequately and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with those having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

CHRISTINE B.
(BC CAN-M2474-K3498-67)
Pre-op TS, 43, single. "Been cross-living full-time for a year-and-a-half. Active in the Vancouver TS community. For the past year I have been working in the area of gender change employability issues. Also a founding director of the Zenith Foundation, a non-profit society for those suffering gender dysphoria seeking info on employment."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-69)
Attended Fantasia Fair since '92. Hetero CD, 5'9", 145, 40ish. Interested in computers, books, stockings, and high heels. "Been a crossdresser since I was a teenager. I enjoy the feel of stockings against my hairless legs. Enjoyed travelling to spend a week in Provincetown and emerging as Karen."

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-70)
Attended 1988 Coronation Ball in Vancouver. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, and outgoing. Interested in flying, motorcycling, all things feminine. "Love going out as Erica. Friends know about her. Looking for people for friendship and girl-talk. Open, honest, and discreet. Would like to hear from others, especially in the Vancouver and Seattle area. Photo and phone appreciated."

JENNIFER BLAKE
(CAN-P-M3385-K6790-67)
Married, hetero, supportive wife, 27, passable, love to go out as a female. Interested in writing, shopping, and helping others. "Married in 1990 en femme, written book about experience, and produced a video helping other sisters with makeup and showing my entire wardrobe. Would love to hear from other sisters who are in need of a friend and love to write."

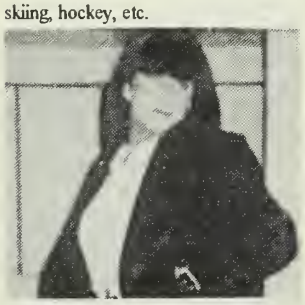
GABRIELLE P.
(ON CAN-M2918-K4997-69)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interested in high fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TVs, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."

KRISTY BEVERLY LYNN
(CAN-P-M3502-K7186-68)
Member Chicago Gender Society, Prairie Rose Gender Club. Attended Be All '92, '93. W pre-op M-F TS, 5'9", 175, clean, nonsmoker. Interested in carpentry, model railroading, architecture, travel. "Shy. Seek long term relationship with F-M or M. Intentions matrimony, love and guidance, career. Prefer Chicago, Minneapolis, Charlotte. Forming TV/TS group in Winnipeg."

ANGEL RICHARDS
(CAN-M3715-K8046-68)
Member of Cornbury Society. Single, 30, enjoys cooking, good friends and shopping. "I am an amateur artist and a twelve-stepper. Would like to hear from others, especially in my area."

REBECCA H.
(CAN-NP-M3549-K7490-67)
6', blue eyes, blonde hair, 150, pre-op TS. Interested in shopping and meeting new friends. "Would love to hear from other TV/TSs. Will try to answer all who write. Would appreciate any help and guidance to become more feminine."

MICHELLE M.
(CAN-M4170-K9094-67)
Member Illusions Social Club, Calgary, Alberta. Won awards in hockey, skiing. 5'8", 150, red hair, blue eyes, great legs. Tight, trim body due to sports. Interested in reading, music, flowers, sports, snow skiing, hockey, etc.



CHERYL C.
(CAN-S.ONT-P-M4418-K0795-68)
STV, 30, with TS feelings, 5'9", 155. Interested in skiing, travel, fitness. "Would like to correspond and meet TV/TSs in USA and Canada for friendship and support, also females for long-term companionship. Love being feminine , love to share with others of a like mind."

KRISTEN M.
(CAN-M4431-K9674-69)
Member Illusions. Passable hetero, married CD, 35, 5'6", 150. Just out of the closet and very happy. Wife is supportive. "Am a very caring and committed person. Enjoy dressing completely. Want to correspond with other married CDs and couples who enjoy dressing together. No sex letters please. Will write back."

PAT E. (CAN-M4564-K9891-69)
Divorced Dad, abused, attractive 34, sincere, honest, eccentric, 6', 169 hetero TV. "Seek friendship/contacts to rebuild life in western Canada. Attracted to Oriental women. Enjoy mechanics, swimming, photography, rural life and dressing up. Alternative arrangements (personal/business) considered!"

ROBYN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-NP-M4455-K3419-69)
S, bi TV, 30something, 5'7", 145. "Dressing since childhood, clean and sober ten years. Confused until recently discovering this wonderful community! Not passable yet, but hopeful. Many interests: femininity, writing, photography, music, sports. Seek correspondents sharing support, feelings, emotional growth. Reserved, lonely, loyal friend. Write, I'll answer!"

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-NP-M4486-K9701-69)
Tall, slim, blue eyed brunette. Interests include art, intellectual development and social activism. "Have recently become empowered and enlightened by releasing the woman within me to grow and go forth in the world. I love the exquisitely soft and sensuous state of femininity."

LESLIE M.
(CAN-NP-M4488-K9703-69)
Attended Dressing for Pleasure '89, '90, '91, in fashion show '90, '91. 40s, 5'9", 170, single. " Been to many clubs and events in Vancouver, NYC, England. Love skiing, world travel, girl talk, fashionable and exotic fashions. Fully comfortable with myself and dressing. Seek NON-smokers. Fairly passable. Comfortable being feminine."

JAYE-LEE H.
(CAN-M4534-K8582-69)
CD, 40, 6', 185. Open-minded, friendly, sense of humor, professional, university degrees. "Married with supportive wife. Love writing, photography, outdoors. Feel sexy and feminine when wearing sensual outfits. Wish to correspond, exchange photos, ideas with TV/TS/couples. Love to meet new friends who are imaginative, honest and share my lifestyle."

MEXICO

LAURA MORENO
(MEX-P-M2670-K4260-67)
Attended Fantasia Fair '91. Separated WM, 41, 5'10", 140, brown hair and eyes. Interested in music, reading cooking photo, people. "Lifelong CD, passable at times (too tall for a Mexican girl). Still trying to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City for mutual support. Where are you my Mexican or Latin people?"

BRAZIL

LUCY M.
(BRAZIL-M4560-K9889-69)
WSM (Hispanic), 5'7", 160, 28. Interested in shopping, travel, good conversation, honest people, lingerie and high heels. "Would like to make friendships with CD/TV/TS located anywhere. I have conditions and visa to go to USA and to Europe."

UNITED KINGDOM

ANNE FORRESTER
(SCOTLAND-P-M2791-K4526-68)
Founder of Grampion Gender Group, member Scottish TV/TS Group. Attended Coming Together, Fantasia Fair. Hetero TG, divorced, 62 going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). "I travel widely, write a lot, and edit *The Tartan Skirt*. A conservatively dressed lady who loves ballgowns, I pass well and go everywhere dressed. Love helping other genderists and hearing from sisters abroad."

KAREN BARCLAY
(ENG-P-M3191-K6155-70)
Tall, slim, CD, 25. Live with understanding girlfriend. Interested in Aikido, foreign travel, current affairs. "I believe cross-dressing sets you free. I also think you can get more from a dress and a kind word than you can from just a kind word. So, take a deep breath and write."

EUROPE

YVONNE THOMPSON
(GERMANY-P-M3050-K5626-69)
Hetero TV, 5'9", 158, ash blond hair, somewhat passable. Interested in photography, cooking, jazz of the 40's and 50's, traveling. "Attended 25th anniversary FPE-NE, EuroFantasia, Harmony Weekend. I like fine lingerie, elegant ladylike dresses, perfect makeup. Dressed up many times in public. Like to correspond with sisters in the USA."

HANNAH SUSANNE VOLKERS
(GERMANY-P-M4240-K9529-67)
Hetero CD, 6'1", slim, fit, 35, one daugh-

ter. "Love to be feminine and alive. Enjoy meeting women & friends who understand. Plan to go out dressed after cosmetic surgery (electrolysis for about a year) & hope to pass well. Looking for contacts with other CDs. Would like to correspond, share feelings and experiences. Photo would be nice."

EVA K.
(GERMANY-M3749-K8211-68)
Member Tri-Ess. Attended EuroFantasia '93. Married couple, both mid-30s. Interested in feminism, philosophy, sociology, crossdressing, the gender community. "Interested in contacting other 'transgendered' couples. We are both totally out of the closet. Do not like to be normal any more."

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-72)
Member FPE SWEDEN. 52, 5'8", 180. Middle aged, 16/18, quiet CD since almost forever. Interested in travel, camping, music, cosmopolitan interests, fashion. "I would like to communicate with other CDs or interested people. Am married, supported, but not understood. Have participated in meetings in Sweden and in the USA."

AMANDA Q. (GERMANY-P-M4252-K9420-68)
Member Rose's (Repartee). Attended EuroFantasia. 35, TV/TG, brown hair, brown eyes, married. Interested in art, music, feminine fashion, cooking. "Have just discovered a route out of my closet thanks to EuroFantasia. What a wonderful feeling freedom is! World, here I come! Sensitive, caring and very sincere person. Will answer all."

JENNY SAND
(NORWAY-P-M2584-K3753-68)
Member FPE-Northern Europe. Attended Fantasia Fair '90, '91. TV, 38, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests include literature, music, art and film. "Love to feel feminine. Go out dressed with friends and other club members as often as I can. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially sisters in Europe. Please, write!"

AUSTRALIA

JOANNE WILSON
(AUS-P-M2516-K3664-69)
MWM, 5'10", 160, 50+. Interested in reading, writing, theatre, arts, film. "Total look TV since preteens. Professional author/writer. Love to correspond and share pictures. Guaranteed replies."

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY LANGTON
(HONG KONG-P-M1792-1949-67)
Member Seahorse, NSW, Beaumont Society, Tri-Ess. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM 61. Interested in Victorian, Japanese, little girls' clothing & maternity, dressmaking, meeting TVs, and correspondence. "Lifelong dedicated TV. Dual life since I came out in 1961. Spouse and adult family accept. Pass. Retired, living partially in UK, Australia, & Hong Kong."

JAPAN

JOYCE DIANE CHAMPION
(JAPAN-P-M3272-6417-67)
US citizen. 5'8", 150, 32, TV/TS that loves changing channels. "Having fun! Enjoy humorous, intelligent, provocative conversation and correspondence, feminine apparel, and frou frou. I love bringing the feminine illusion to life through modeling for photo sessions. Musician/writer. I respond quickly and as directed for security. Expect same. Photos welcome. Return to the States early '94."

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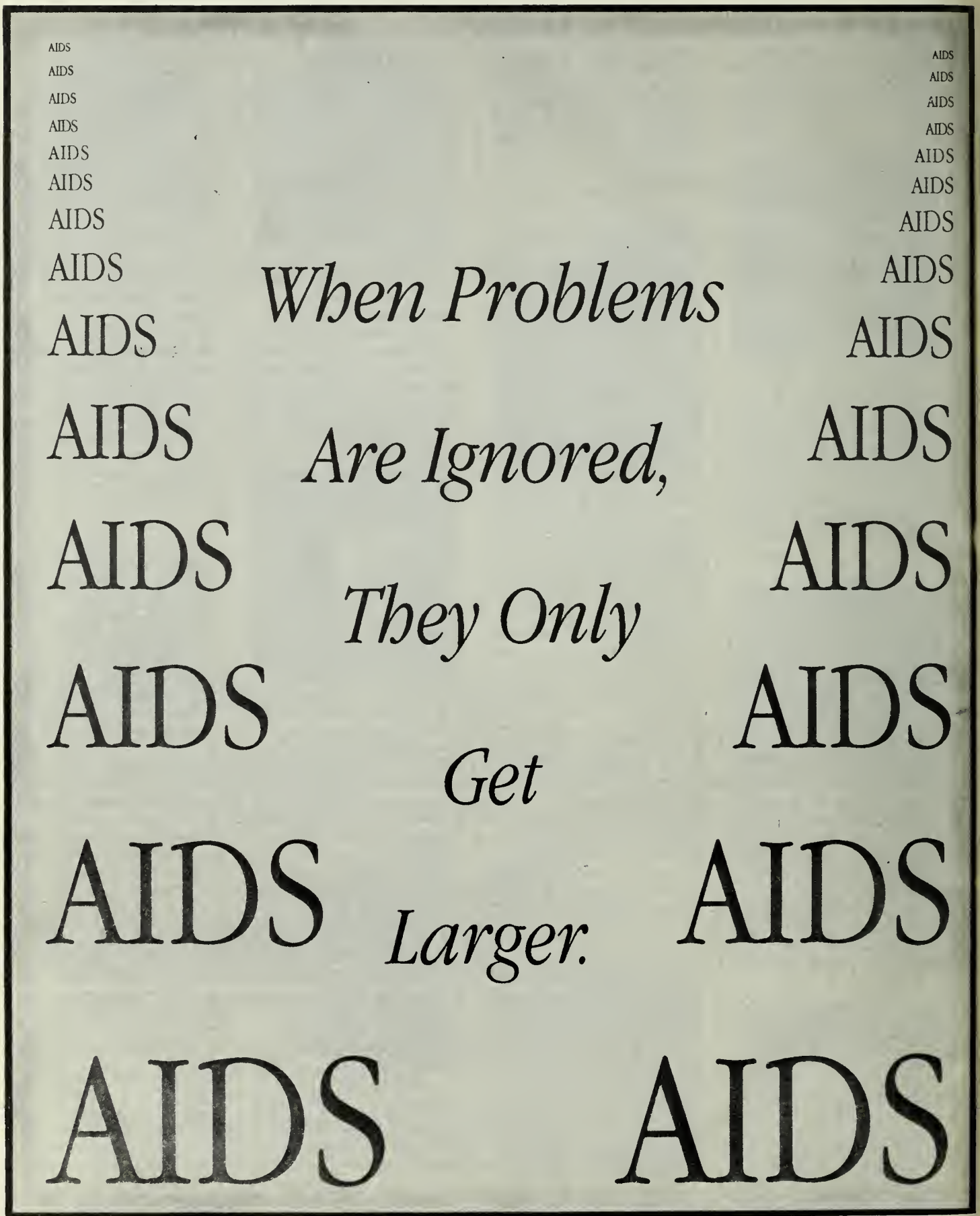

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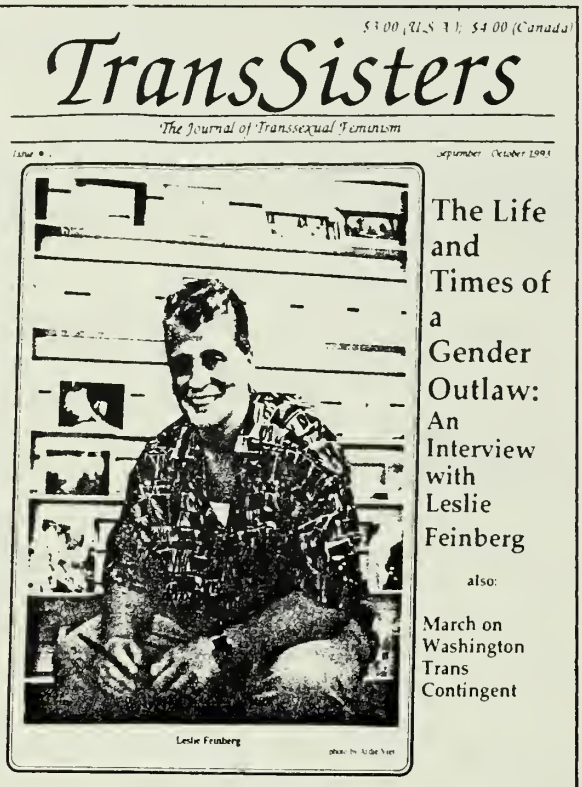

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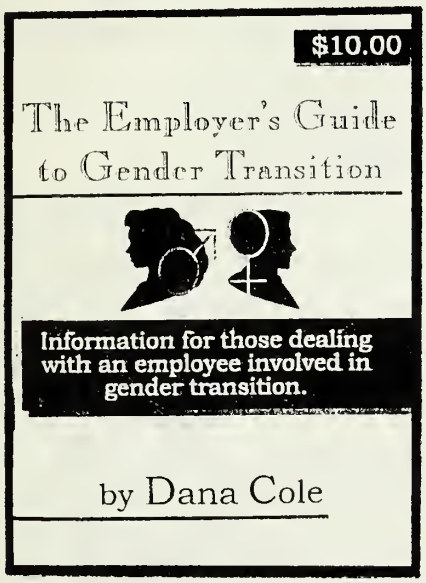

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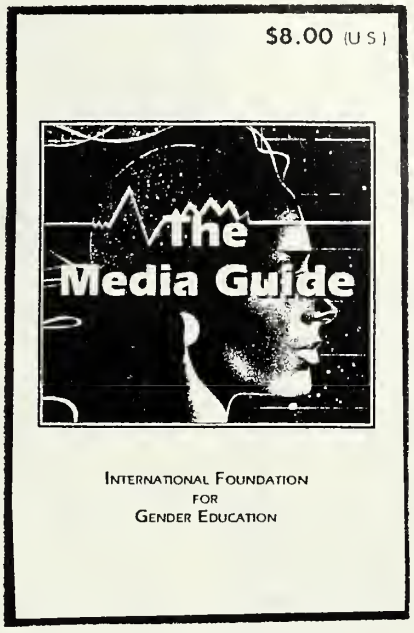

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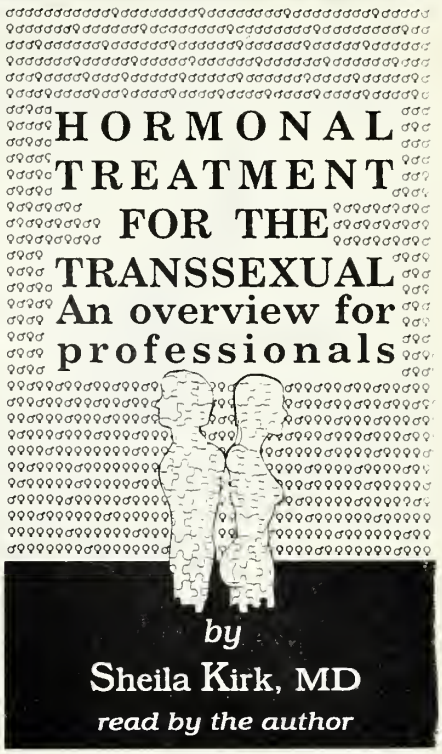

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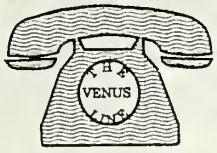

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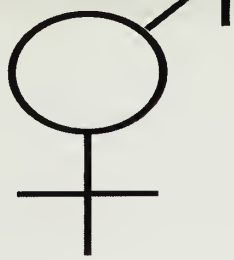

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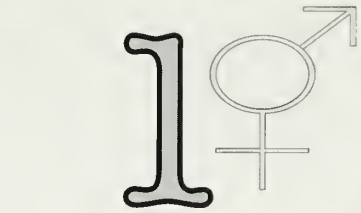

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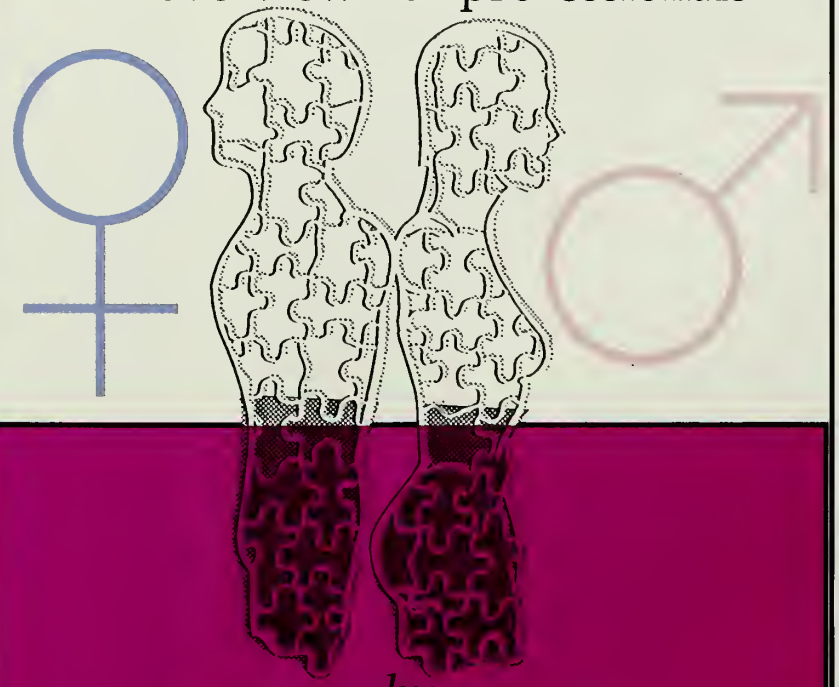

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